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Committee looks at possibility of Grayling YMCA

By Terry Wright
News Editor

Can a community of individuals and its many social, civic and service organizations; its businesses and industries; its schools, churches and governments; come together in a united effort to promote character development for all?

This is what is being asked by a group of local citizens who would like to see a YMCA, with its many services, programs and recreational opportunities, come into the Grayling and Crawford County community.

The YMCA, founded in 1844, has more than 2,000 local branches, units and camps in the United States. The organization's mission statement says, "To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy body, mind, and spirit for all."

Typically, a local YMCA can offer a large number of programs designed around the needs of the community, such as youth sports, family events, aquatics, child care, senior citizen activities and health and wellness education. YMCA programs are for all ages, sexes, religions and abilities.

The idea of a YMCA evolved from administrators at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and their desire to provide a community recreation center for all citizens in Grayling and Crawford County. From that idea, several years ago, a select committee of residents investigated the idea as the County Recreation Center Steering Committee and thought a YMCA could provide a means of achieving their goal.

Members of that committee are Mary Ann Bloomquist, Jim Nygard, Brian Hulbert, Rose Ann Owens, John Alef, Pauline Petrosky and Don Schanz.

Prior to meeting with YMCA officials, a questionnaire was published in the *Avalanche* asking, "Are you in favor of establishing a recreation center for residents of Crawford County?" Eight hundred seven responses, or 6.2 percent of the county's population, were received, 730 of which were "yes." An indoor community pool was number one response. Other responses included a sauna, whirlpool, basketball, racquetball and tennis courts, child care center, walking and bike trails, and many others.

In a recent meeting with the local committee and other representatives of community organizations, Gary Unruh of the Michigan Management Resource Center, a YMCA funded consulting service, presented the facts about a YMCA in Grayling.

Unruh's presentation covered the purpose and goals of a YMCA program; how YMCAs are funded, organized and operated; and the YMCA's need to collaborate, rather than compete, with existing

community programs. He also told the group what it had to do as the next step if it decided to further pursue the idea.

"We assume you want to make Grayling a better community," Unruh said. "The YMCA has been in business for over 150 years. We can help you do it right. We can provide the expertise to bring this all together."

Unruh said a general rule for starting a YMCA is to have a population of 20,000 within a ten mile radius of the facility. He noted that although that rule couldn't apply in the Grayling community, a quick look at what the local citizens are already providing in the form of recreation through programs like the GRA (Hanson Hills) programs in soccer, basketball, t-ball, volleyball, roller blading, pom poms, and many others; Grayling Little League; Grayling Redskin Football; Junior Pro Basketball and others, which are supported by private volunteers and donations, as well as donations from the Grayling Youth Booster Club.

He said any and all of the existing programs could come under the YMCA umbrella.

"That's why we're going to ask all agencies to work together," Unruh said.

Unruh explained that YMCA professional services are available to determine the feasibility that the community would support the idea and even to help raise the initial money to begin the programs. He said the initial goal, if a YMCA is feasible, would be to raise \$200,000 to hire a director and support staff, and organize programs for the first three years.

After the YMCA is established, a second feasibility study would be conducted to determine the possibility of constructing a building.

"This would involve a major capital campaign," Unruh said. "The people would have to decide what kind of a structure they need and whether they want to build a complete facility or add on as they go."

All YMCA professional developmental services would be free of charge, but once a local branch is established, it pays three percent of its yearly budget to the YMCA national organization.

Although the local YMCA would charge membership dues, Unruh said, "There will be no kid in Crawford County denied a YMCA membership or denied the YMCA experience."

After Unruh spoke, committee member Don Schanz asked the attendees for a sense of how they felt about the presentation. He asked each to draft a letter by April 1, with any concerns, if they support a YMCA in Grayling.

"This will help us determine if we want to continue with the next phase of the project," Schanz said.

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COA director sues for wrongful termination

By Terry Wright
News Editor

The board of directors of the Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA) has not renewed the contract of its director, Carol Kolka, and she wants to know why. The 1-year contract expired on Friday, Feb. 16.

Kolka said until she went to a board meeting in January, where she was told her contract would not be renewed, she thought the board was pleased with her performance.

"It was a complete surprise after being the director for almost four and one-half years," Kolka said. "They have not given me a reason. There have been a lot of accomplishments since I've been here. I honestly don't understand why this has happened."

On Feb. 15, Kolka filed a wrongful termination suit against the COA in Crawford County Circuit Court. Count one of that suit alleges that the COA board of directors did not fulfill its contractual agreement in denying her a raise in salary after a favorable evaluation. Kolka's complaint also alleges the board has violated its own

bylaws on several occasions and that those violations have been allowed by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

The suit asks for damages in excess of \$10,000, plus costs, attorney fees and interest, and that the court compel the County of Crawford to control the COA board, so that it will comply with COA bylaws and contractual agreements.

A hearing has been set in 46th Circuit Court on March 4.

"If I had been given an answer as to why the board has not renewed my contract, I wouldn't have this lawsuit," Kolka said. "It's infuriating."

COA Chairperson Mary Harland said Kolka was given a long list of reasons why Kolka's contract wasn't renewed.

"That list was substantiated in the minutes of the last board meeting," Harland said. "Most of the reasons concerned administrative responsibilities. She was not keeping

the board informed."

Harland said until the court makes a decision, an acting director is performing the day-to-day tasks of the director.

"The important thing is that we have services and programs for all the seniors," Harland said. "The programs will continue whether we have a director or not. It's so darned important."

"That center will again be a place we can all be proud of," Harland added.

Home sweet mobile home



ON THE ROAD AGAIN--This home is pictured as it passed through the Business Loop and Michigan Avenue intersection on its way to a new location in Roscommon County. The house was moved from Spruce Street as part of the Grayling Middle School program which will provide space for an athletic/recreation field.

Travel Advisory

The Road Commission For Crawford County is advising drivers to use caution while traveling on Crawford County roads. The side roads are wet and slippery. The road commission crews are continuing to work as quickly as possible to improve conditions on all our roads.

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Four charged in purse theft

The Grayling City Police Department has reported the robbery of an elderly woman who resides at AuSable Acres.

According to Officer Dennis Long, at approximately 10 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26, two men posing as gas company employees entered the home. Once inside the men took the lady's purse and fled.

Long said four, 18-20-year old men have been apprehended and will be charged with the theft.

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Insurance legislation could lower rates for rural drivers

By Molly J. Gudritz
Capital News Service

Abolishing territorial rates for auto and home insurance could mean lower premiums for most Grayling residents.

In a bill sponsored by Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, insurance territories would be abolished and companies would be allowed to assess premiums for customers on an individual basis.

Under current law, insurance companies divide the state into territories and charge premiums based, in part, on anticipated losses and costs. Traffic patterns, congestion, theft rates, medical costs and auto repair

expenses are some of the differences upon which territorial rates are now based.

Current law prohibits rates in many areas of the state from being less than 45 percent of rates in urban areas such as Detroit, where losses and costs are higher.

"I believe this is something that all of northern Michigan will like," said Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling. "We have been subsidizing urban areas for years."

One of the goals of the new bill is to bring about more competition among insurance companies and to allow more of them to do business in areas that they normally would not.

"I think this will allow more companies to come into our area that wouldn't have otherwise," Lowe said. Law agreed changing territorial structure would encourage companies to move down from northern regions and look for business in the Detroit area or vice versa.

"There was suspicion that these territories were artificially and politically drawn," said George Stancil, Cornell Insurance commercial

insurance agent in Grayling, and national director for Independent Insurance Agents.

"Companies need to take more of a look at personal experience, and in the long run, this will become more fair for everyone," he said.

AAA of Michigan believes the state already has some of the best coverage in the country, but is not taking a position on the bill.

"We didn't take a pro or con position on this bill," said Larry Givens, AAA of Michigan assistant vice president for corporate relations. "Current law doesn't allow us to take a clean look at each individual driver, but I am somewhat reluctant to see the rules change."

Residents in urban areas, such as Flint or Detroit, may see increases in their rates, but the Grayling area would not be directly affected, Stancil said.

Michigan is the only state in the country that has insurance premiums based on territory.

Right now, Michigan residents are only offered one no-fault policy, regardless of affordability.

Law wonders whether or not just

one no-fault policy is the way to go. "Shouldn't we allow car owners to have a choice in policies?" Law said.

Lowe agrees Grayling residents deserve more choice in their insurance policies.

"This should not have that much of an effect on the Grayling area, but it will allow more freedom to choose for residents," Lowe said.

One Grayling resident believes any steps taken to bring about lower auto insurance rates can only be good.

"Insurance rates are way too high right now," said John Lennon of 608 Ogemaw. "I insure another car in Florida, and the difference in rates is incredible. If this new law cuts rates, then it's good."

Although the results of the bill would not be apparent right away, many legislators and insurance companies agree that in the long run, the wait would be worth it.

"The short-term pain is definitely worth the long-term gain," Stancil said.

The bill has passed both legislative chambers and is being considered by Gov. John Engler.

Dole for President names County leadership team

The Bob Dole for President campaign recently announced its Crawford County leadership team, said Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus (R-Alto), one of four Michigan co-chairs for Dole's campaign.

Serving as chairman of the Crawford County Bob Dole for President organization is Art Thayer.

"I am delighted by the breadth and depth of support for Bob Dole's candidacy," said Secretary of State Candice Miller, one of four state co-chairs for Dole. "I am convinced with the type of organization we are building across Michigan and throughout America, based on conservative principles and values, that our message will resonate across the land and cause

us to beat Bill Clinton in November."

"These local leaders are showing the dedication and determination that it takes to put Bob Dole over the top," said Posthumus.

"Bob Dole is the only candidate who can beat Bill Clinton in November," said Posthumus. "The work of county chairs like Art Thayer will help us

accomplish that task."

The formation of the Crawford County leadership team follows the endorsement of Senator Bob Dole by 34 Michigan legislators and dozens of local officials. In addition to the new team formed in Crawford County, 58 counties in Michigan have organized Dole for President leadership teams.

Frederic family homeless after early morning blaze



At 4:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24, John Quintano was awakened in his Frederic Township, Chickasaw Trail home by smoke and fire.


Quintano awakened his wife and two children and sent them outside. Then he dialed 9-1-1 to report the blaze. Carrying out clothing for his family, Quintano returned to the home three times.

The Frederic Volunteer Fire Department, assisted by units from Grayling and Lovells extinguished the blaze, but the home was a total loss.

Currently the Quintano's are lodged in a local motel, compliments of the American Red Cross, until their insurance entitlement arrives.

The cause of the fire has not been determined, although Frederic Fire Chief Dennis Wallace, said the fire was not the result of the wood-burning stove in the home.

Pictured above are (L to R) Josh, John and Shelly Quintano receiving a check in the amount of \$200 from Maggie Watts, president of the Frederic Fire Department Auxiliary.



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Kirtland Warbler Festival planning in high gear

The planning committee for this year's Kirtland Warbler Festival met in early February at Kirtland Community College and reported substantial progress. Ads have been placed in major national bird-watcher magazines; a budget has been developed for the festival; fund-raising efforts have begun; scores of events and activities are being scheduled for all age groups on the Kirtland campus and to various locations throughout Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon counties for the May 18-19 festival weekend.

The festival slogan, "A Celebration of Nature," reflects the expanded scope of this year's effort, which includes not only activities centered on the northern nesting sites of the Kirtland's warbler, but the entire Jack Pine and AuSable River ecosystem.

Kirtland is the focal point for this year's festival and a partner in the expanded celebration, along with such agencies as the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan State University Extension, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, area chambers of commerce, business and education leaders.

Underlining its broader mission,

the committee has adopted the name "Partners in Protecting the Jack Pine Ecosystem."

"In future years, we hope there will be continued efforts to parallel the festival with added emphasis on outdoor education in order to conserve our natural resources and fish and wildlife habitat," said festival co-chair Bob Hess, district wildlife biologist from the Department of Natural Resources.

Promotion chairperson Wayne Purchase, Mio, said a festival brochure listing the weekend's events is "in the works," and will soon be available. Organizations which still wish to plan events or activities for the festival should contact Kirtland Community College at (517) 275-5121, ext. 347, to make sure their events are included in the festival's promotional material.

Contributions via check or money orders are most welcome and should be made out to Kirtland Community College (Partners in Protecting the Jack Pine Ecosystem), and mailed or brought to the president's office, Kirtland Community College, 10775 St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653.

"Farm Folk" prepare for spring

The next meeting of the Wellington Farm Folk will be held Tuesday evening, March 5, at Grayling's Lone Pine Restaurant. The meeting will start with a special "Depression Era supper" served at 6:15 p.m. The order of business will begin at 7 p.m. Cost of the supper is \$6 per person and those planning to attend are asked to call 348-5187 to make reservations. Wellington Farm Folk is a volunteer organization which assists with the operation of Wellington Farm Park. Interested persons are cordially invited to attend the March 5 meeting.

High on the list of discussion items will be opening day for Wellington Farm Park, which will be Saturday, May 25. Other items for discussion will sure to be the "Farmin' Days Festival" which has been scheduled for June 21, 22 and 23. This 3-day festival will concentrate on domestic crafts that were practiced on farms in rural America during the 1930s. Anyone who has a craft of this nature they

would like to demonstrate during the festival are asked to call park offices at 800-624-0221.

The June festival will also feature the grand-opening celebration of Wellington Farm Park. This event will take place on June 22, and will be in the form of a Chautauque. Special entertainment will begin in the big tent at 10 a.m. and continue throughout the day. The grand-opening festivities will be concluded on Saturday evening with a traditional, old-fashioned "barndance."

Anyone who would like to know more about Wellington Farm Park or the volunteer organization is encouraged to call the park offices at 800-624-0221. Questions can be answered by phone or arrangements can be made to meet with a park representative. Members of the Wellington Farm Park staff are also available to speak at local organizations and meetings.

Chaulk joins Old Kent board

Dr. Jeffrey Chaulk has been named to the board of directors at Old Kent Bank, Gaylord. The announcement was made by Charles L. Berlin, president.

Dr. Chaulk, who operates under the professional name Alpine Eye Care, received his associates degree from Mou Community College, his B.S. degree from Michigan State University, and his medical degree from Wayne State University. He completed his ophthalmology residency at Sinai Hospital in Detroit.

Chaulk is a member of the American Medical Association, Michigan State Medical Society, Otsego County Medical Society and the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

His staff affiliations include Otsego Memorial Hospital, Community Memorial Hospital in Cheboygan, Charlevoix Area Hospital, and chief of surgery at Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

A Flint native, Chaulk has resided in Gaylord since 1988. He and his wife, Susan, have two daughters, Kristen and Kara.

"On behalf of the board of directors



Dr. Jeffrey Chaulk

at Old Kent Bank, I'm extremely pleased to announce Dr. Chaulk's appointment," stated Berlin. "Since 1988, Jeff Chaulk has proven his business expertise and medical proficiency in northern Michigan. We're fortunate to have him join our board, and welcome Jeff and his family to the Old Kent team."

Local man receives taxidermy certification

The International Guild of Taxidermy has recognized Tony Rusiecki of Grayling, as having earned his professional certification in the area of mammal, game-head and fish

taxidermy work. In order to achieve this honor, Rusiecki had to earn a specified number of points through competing in state, local, national and international taxidermy competitions.

MichCon Foundation awards mini-grant to local educator

The MichCon Foundation has awarded a \$195 mini-grant to Barbara J. Febey of Grayling High School. The \$195 mini-grant has been given to support investigation into non-euclidean geometry with the use of a Lenart sphere and reinforcing geometric skills with tangrams.

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Family Planning: March 4, 12 and 26.

Medicaid Screening: None this month.

Premarital Class: March 20.
Optional/Confidential HIV/AIDS testing: March 13 and 27.

WIC, Supplemental Food Program for pregnant women, infants and children: March 7, 13, 14, 18, 21 and 28.

WIC Program, Frederic Clinic (held at the public library): March 22.

Maternal Support Service for Pregnant Women: Call for information any day.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Jim and Julie Dewitt wish to announce the birth of their son, Joshua Martin Dewitt, born Jan. 24, 1996, at Munson Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Tom and Linda Barber, and Jerry and Camilla Dewitt, all of Roscommon.

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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK By Richard Milliman

GOP race: What's it all about?

NOW THAT New Hampshire's handful of voters have decreed for whom the American people can consider for President next November, we can all tune out the political blather and coast until election day.

But what New Hampshire's faithful decided is a bit different than the hardy Republicans who made up the Iowa caucuses decided—again, with only a handful of Iowa citizens participating.

The same will be true of primary after primary, as the long, hard road to nomination for President continues.

So maybe conscientious citizens concerned about who will be President of their country should stay awake.

The way things look now very likely won't be the way things look in November.

JUST WHAT did New Hampshire tell us...or Iowa or Louisiana or Alaska, for that matter?

These states certainly did not tell us who will be the Republican nominee for President in November.

As hopeful Pat Buchanan has said, in the first four races he won three golds and one silver; that means he finished first in New Hampshire,

Louisiana and Alaska, and was a close second in Iowa.

Does that mean he's the front runner? Not really.

Sen. Bob Dole won in Iowa, and finished second in New Hampshire. Does that mean his campaign is on a downward spiral? Not really.

Former Gov. Lamar Alexander didn't win any of those first tests. Does that mean he's a big timer loser and he ought to pack it in now? Not really.

In other words, the early going tells us very little in hard, cold results.

IN THE NEW Hampshire primary, for example, Mr. Buchanan won six delegates, Mr. Dole and Mr. Alexander won four each, and fourth place finisher Steve Forbes won two.

That's not anywhere near a lopsided victory or loss for anyone.

Mr. Buchanan received 56,923 Republican votes, or about 2,100 more than Mr. Dole, about 9,000 more than Mr. Alexander, and about 21,000 more than Mr. Forbes.

In sheer numbers, that's not a big victory or big loss for anyone.

As USA Today and other observers

have pointed out, through the New Hampshire primary, only 66 GOP delegates had been allocated—including a couple to Sen. Phil Gramm, who has quit the race—with 1,924 more GOP delegates to be selected.

USA Today also refers to those who think New Hampshire heralds the crowning of Mr. Buchanan with the GOP nomination to some other New Hampshire "presidents" such as Paul Tsongas, Henry Cabot Lodge, or Estes Kefauver—all New Hampshire winners.

THE CAMPAIGN to date is instructive in some ways, however.

Despite acknowledge strength in grass roots organization and campaign cash, Mr. Dole has other problems.

Some of the things he's said indicate difficulty communicating—or comprehending.

For example, early on he told conservative Republicans that if they wanted Ronald Reagan all over again, then he could be Ronald Reagan.

Then in New Hampshire, he said he hadn't realized jobs and the economy were going to be so important on election day.

And after the voting, he told backers his "message" is going to be "stronger and stronger as we go along. You're going to see the real Bob Dole out there from now on."

Which leads to some logical questions, such as what Bob Dole have we been seeing so far, and how many others are there.

As for Mr. Buchanan, it's clear he's the best pure communicator now in the Republican hustings; it's also clear what he's communicating can be divisive...you either love it or you hate it.

And for Mr. Alexander, even his third place finishes have been positive. Now people are listening to him. Of course, that could work both ways for Candidate Alexander.

But the main lesson from the primaries and caucuses in this:

Politics is perception, and in the early running for a presidential nomination, perception is much, much more important than substance.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

MEMBERS TO THE EDITOR

Former mayor corrects city income tax story

To the editor,
It was with great interest that I read the article regarding the City of Grayling income tax, which included the letter by W.C. Tufts, in the Feb. 22 edition of the Avalanche.

Col. (Retired) Tufts credited City Manager Morford with creating the income tax. In fact, the tax was the result of five elections and much work by the city council and Morford's predecessors, Harold Cliff and Bill Valusek. I was mayor of Grayling at the time, and as I recall, the question was put to the electorate in May of 1972. It passed by overwhelming majority, and became effective July 1, 1972. Morford began his employ with the City of Grayling shortly after the effective date of the City Income Tax Ordinance.

The ballot question was advisory in nature, "Should the City of Grayling adopt the Uniform Income Tax Code for construction of streets?" One of the points made repeatedly by those promoting the tax was that the proceeds were to go only to street construction,

"curb to curb only." There is some apparent "backsliding" by the current administration and council. Income tax money is being used to build sidewalks. While there is nothing illegal about this practice, it does go against the promise made by the city council when asking for the income tax. The rest of Col. Tufts' letter is accurate.

Granting tax amnesty is an admission of failure to do the job that is required in collecting taxes due. Income tax collection relies largely on the taxpayer voluntarily complying with the ordinance. The threat of audit and/or prosecution drives the volunteer paying of taxes at every level of government. Tax collectors were effective in doing their jobs long before computers were available. An opinion may be reached that some are guilty of nonfeasance of office. Perhaps the City of Grayling should send out "Final Notices."

Derek McEvers,
Grayling

FROM OUR CORNER

By Whitey Madsen

Politics...finances...dogs, etc.



Keep the faith readers...the political mud-slinging is just getting into high gear...and this is among the elephants. Wait until the donkeys get into the fray.

And to think there is nine months to look forward to all this skeletons in the closets rhetoric from both sides. To relate, that brings us almost to Thanksgiving.

After watching this GOP group bantering for the nomination for president on TV and reading articles by the well-informed, I can only conclude—none has a chance to upend Clinton.

Dole is too old...Alexander, too much middle road...Forbes, too much money, can't buy votes, proven in Iowa...Buchanan wants to isolate the country from everything.

If one of these four is nominated—the Prez can sit back in the White House and fiddle while the GOP burns.

There is a long chance if the Republicans draft a formidable foe at their convention...possibly there is a dark horse in the wings.

An idle thought: *The Detroit Free Press* must be hurting for money.

Terry Wright, news editor of the *Avalanche*, has a photo showing his late father, Russ, with fellow conservation officer, the late Clarence Roberts, on one of the first snowmobiles made. The two used it to check ice fishermen, beaver trappers, deer yards, etc.

The unit was powered with a 9 1/2-horsepower gasoline engine, had Caterpillar treads, and moved over the snow on wide magnesium and wooden skis. It could attain a speed of 18 miles an hour.

The photo was taken in circa early 1960s, by Bert Stoll, outdoor writer for the *Free Press*. Terry called the *Free Press* for permission to run the photo in the *Avalanche*, to show the readers how times have changed. He was told it would cost \$25 to reprint the photo.

Now I know times are tough—but I didn't think the strike had done that much financial damage to the *Free Press*.

In my last column, I mentioned dogs just running at will in my

neighborhood, and I wish to make something clear.

Since then, there have been letters to the editor about picking up stray dogs, keeping them for a few days and destroying them. This I did not imply.

My concern are the dogs that run at will that have owners. There was a time when a dog was picked up by the control officer, it was taken to the shelter, and it cost the owner \$25 to get their pet back.

Implement that, and it would help pay for controlling the dog problem.

What others have said:

The Vicious Press: President Clinton may have learned when he was in England that the American media aren't as vicious as he once thought—at least not in comparison to its British counterpart. One British tabloid described the President's speech to Parliament in a story headlined, "Cherub-faced Hick Charms Men in Tights."

Cultural Literacy: Question from the *Late Show "Quiz Machine"*: "Bob Dole was shocked to discover that the vast majority of movies made today are: A) violent, B) sexually explicit, C) talkies."

It Takes the Taxpayers: To satisfy the Secret Service's security worries, Hillary Rodham Clinton used an Air Force jet for much of her tour to tout her new book, *It Takes a Village*. Her publisher is paying part of the cost, but the taxpayers will pick up the major

portion of her travel tab—which is probably more of a subsidy than Newt Gingrich got to publish his book.

Just Thinking: How time flies...50 years have passed since I stepped off the 5:30 a.m. train here in the middle of February 1946. I may add, it was a bitter-cold stormy morning. It was cold in Korea when I left, but nothing like a northern Michigan winter.

A few gems from Joe Falls' Forum in the *Detroit News*:

***Sonny Elliot**, the wondrous Weatherman, says, "I've made enough speeches in my life to know that if you stand up, you'll be seen. If you speak up, you'll be heard. If you sit down, you'll be appreciated."

***Erma Bombeck**, humor writer: "If a man watches three football games in a row, he should be declared legally dead."

***Tim Kilpatrick**, west coast sportscaster: "I just played a round of Marcia Clark golf. I was out there for a long time and didn't win anything."

***Rodney Dangerfield**, comic in his never-ending search for respect: "Even my friends are having trouble. One of them just lost his job and he worked in the unemployment office."

***Allen Schwartz**, the Singing Window Washer, says, "If you sign a paper with an X and then change your mind, how do you X it out?"

Confucius says: "If you cannot hear a pin drop, you are a lousy bowler."

I must have been deaf, when I bowled...take care.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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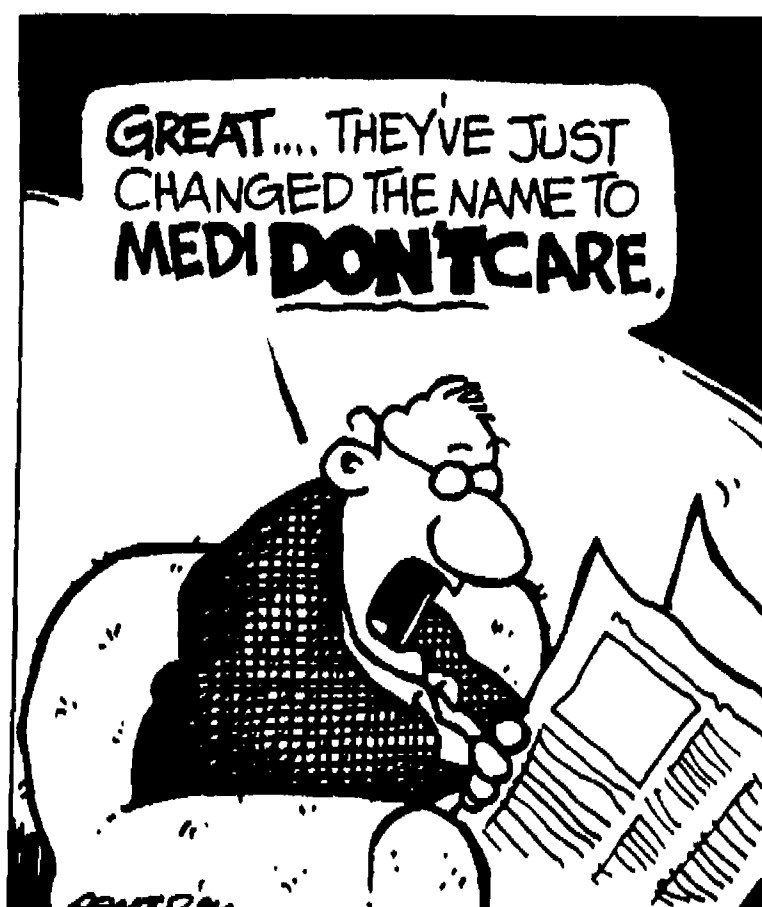
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COA director should not have been terminated

To the editor,
I feel that the termination of the director for Commission on Aging Senior Center was a vindictive act by the COA board.

There are certain members of this board who have no concern for what the seniors desires are.

There was a correspondence letter read at the meeting on Feb. 21, concerning the director's accomplishments, and those certain few on the board chose to ignore the fact that her accomplishments were very favorable and not deserving of termination.

I know for a fact that this was a deliberate attempt from certain residents in the senior citizen's complex to set out to get the director terminated. This is not the first time this has happened.

There is one resident who feels the people who come to the center are being badgered, but the person badgering is this resident.

The seniors who faithfully attend their center are very happy the way they have been treated by their director, and want to see it stay that way.

I don't feel the COA board is in touch with the majority of the seniors and their desires.

The COA board is there to serve the needs of the seniors of Crawford County, not to dictate and do nothing but assert their authority, which I believe is way too much.

The seniors have signed a petition to keep our director, 127 concerned seniors and more who only found out about the petition to date to sign it, to me constitutes a majority not a minority.

We will not give up this battle. If we do not get any satisfaction, we are prepared to pursue other paths to carry this as far as it takes until our voices are heard.

We will not stop until someone listens.

This unjust decision by certain members of the COA board has got to be brought to a halt.

They have got to be made to be accountable for their actions.

We intend to do everything in our power as seniors to see that they do.

Eleanor Mizze,
Grayling

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TALL TIMBER TALES

By Mark Stormzand

Frozen phrases

"Why on earth won't this buckle work?" I wondered as I struggled with the strap on my snowshoes. "Ah, that's the problem," I answered, my voice piercing the cold morning air. "The buckle on my binding is frozen." Prairie, my golden retriever, gazed up at me to see if I were saying something important, or just babbling. She gets used to me talking to myself, so she listens for some key phrases, phrases that mean something like: "come, down, up, here girl, stick with me," or her personal favorite, "Let's go." If she hears any of those words in a sentence, she pays attention. If not, it's just babble as usual.

I lifted the snowshoe to my face, cupped my cold hands around the metal buckle and blew warm air on it, melting ice on the buckle in the process. I strapped both snowshoes on and made a final check of my gear. I had planned on being out the better part of the day. So, along with my forestry gear, I carried extra mittens, shirt, water and an apple.

"Let's go," I said to Prairie. Hearing that phrase, she spun on her hind legs leaping after me. Prairie has a lot of extra skin on her face, and I swear it looks like she is smiling every time I say "let's go." This morning she had a huge smile.

One of my forestry tasks for the day was to make a timber-type map of a 600-acre parcel of land. This map was to be used to help make forestry and wildlife recommendations to the landowner. To make the map, I had to walk the property back and forth, traversing as much as actual ground as possible. To make things a bit easier, I would use an aerial photo. By looking at the photo, I could determine timber-type changes such as hardwood to conifers. Also, I could pick out wet areas, roads, rivers and marshes. The aerial photo sure made my life easier.

"Man, it's cold," I said. My voice echoing in the frozen silence. Prairie, not hearing a key phrase, kept on walking. From the way my fingers felt, I was guessing the temperature was about 15 below. Very few people like really cold weather, but I love it, it's dramatic. If you think about it, we in the north don't have much dramatic weather. The south has the heat. The east coast has hurricanes. The west has mud slides and occasional volcano eruptions. The plains have tornadoes. But all we have is the snow and cold. I say, when you get record-cold weather, go out and enjoy it, with your doctor's permission of course.

I had about a mile to walk across an open field before I reached my starting point. About half way across, I saw a coyote dart out into the field. Directly behind it was a hound. Suddenly to my horror, Prairie decided to join the chase. I was astonished because she is not noted for her athletic ability. In fact, she's a 'couch retriever' 99.9 percent of the time. But what a sight. A perfectly flat white field with a canine parade in procession; the coyote, running for its life, the hound, doing what it instinctively does, and the golden retriever, looking for some fun. To this I now added the clumsy human running on snowshoes, wondering what he would tell his family when he came home minus one family pet. Luckily, the fun-seeking animal ran out of steam after a half mile or so and came slinking back to me. She then heard several key phrases which I can't print here.

That over, we were finally at the starting point for my map. Standing there figuring out the proper compass bearing to use, I felt a wet trickle run down my back. "Bloody hot Prairie, chasing you has started me sweating," I said. This was not good. With the temperature well below zero, I could get cold and stay cold real fast. So, I did the only logical thing I could do. I stripped to the waist. This rush of cold air stopped the sweating instantly. When I was sure I had cooled off, I put my long underwear top back on. The sweater and wool coat I placed in my back pack to stay dry. Working on snowshoes is very strenuous and you

heat up quickly. The key is to have as little on as possible so as not to overheat. But, man, you want to keep moving.

I checked my compass and headed northeast. The wind was starting to pick up, so I was glad to be in the shelter of the bush. My first line took me through a cedar swamp. I had to keep using Prairie's key phrase, 'stick with me' because the deer were plentiful. During the cold winter months, deer herd up in cedar areas known as deer yards. These cedar stands provide shelter from the cold and snow. Also, if the cedar boughs are low enough, they will supply an important food source. You can see exactly how high the deer can reach by the browse line. As I continued northeast, I came into an aspen regeneration harvest. By the looks of the new shoots, this area was probably harvested a couple of years ago. The area was roughly 20 acres in size and was irregularly shaped. This was very good planning on the part of the forester because once harvested, the new young healthy shoots of a regeneration harvest will provide deer with an excellent food source. This natural food source near the deer yard was great planning.

About an hour into my second traverse line I started losing the feeling in my toes. I was sure the straps on my snowshoes were too tight. I would never have admitted that it might be the 15 below. After all, this was 'dramatic' weather, and I wanted to be out in it.

It was obvious that Prairie's spunk was starting to fade. She was walking behind me now and constantly stepping on my snowshoes. While doing a timber-type map, you need to write and draw. Each time I took off my chopper mitt, my right hand would ache a little more. The wind was getting very strong, forcing me to put on all my extra clothes. When I pulled the wool sweater from my pack I noticed my water was frozen and my apple was like a hardball. After a few more lines, I had to face facts. I was very cold and getting colder by the minute. I hated to admit it, but the cold had beaten me. I looked at Prairie and noticed her smile had disappeared

behind a thick layer of frost. She also had a slight limp.

"Ok, I give, Prairie. We're not having fun, are we?" I asked through tight, cold lips.

I pulled out my compass to guide us back to the truck and caught my reflection in the mirror of the compass. I, too, had a layer of frost around my face. The hour it took to reach my truck was one of the least pleasant I can remember. Looking at Prairie limp along, I was sure she agreed. Once back at home and around the woodstove, though, one forgets. My wife asked me if we had gotten cold that day. My reply would have made all of those people who like dramatic weather proud. "Piece of cake," I replied with my feet still stinging. Prairie just smiled.

Mark Stormzand is a forester for Weyerhaeuser Co. in both Grayling and Cheboygan, writing this column to inform and entertain the public on forestry related issues.

NARFE to meet

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Chapter 2305, will meet Thursday, March 1, at the Grayling Holiday Inn. They meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m., the business meeting following at approximately 12:30 p.m. All federal employees, retired or non-retired, and their spouses are encouraged to join this newly-formed chapter.

Membership is open to civilians with at least five years vested service in any agency of the Federal or D.C. governments. Membership costs are \$15 national dues plus \$10 chapter dues for a total of \$25 per person annually.

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Ecosystem restoration is both an emerging science and art that attempts to address the problems of degraded ecosystems and habitat fragmentation, said Bob Grese, associate professor of landscape architecture in SNRE.

"It is a testing ground for ecological theory as well as a process for developing new patterns of human relationships with nature. By its very nature, ecosystem restoration demands the involvement of a variety of disciplines, among them ecologists, wildlife and wildland managers, sociologists and psychologists, policy scientists, landscape architects, geologists, hydrologists and horticulturalists." In addition, many restoration efforts provide the public with opportunities to become involved in the process.

U-M's Ecosystem Restoration Workshop will bring together representatives from a variety of disciplines and backgrounds to discuss what direction should be followed in developing strategies for research, education and national policy for ecosystem restoration. The public is invited to attend keynote addresses and a presentation of case studies.

Reed Noss, a research scientist at the University of Idaho and scientific director for the Wildlands Project, will speak on "Status and Trends of Ecosystems in the U.S.: The Context and Need for Ecosystem Restoration" at 8:30 a.m. March 1, in the Rackham Amphitheater. At 10:15 a.m. in the same hall, Roger Anderson, professor of biology at Illinois State University, will speak on "Research in Ecosystem Restoration," and at 11:15 a.m. William Niering, professor of botany and research director at Connecticut

College's arboretum and editor of the *Journal of Ecological Restoration*, will deliver "Teaching Ecosystem Restoration." All three presentations are free and open to the public.

Beginning at 1:45 p.m. in room 1040 of the Dana Building, four case studies will be presented, including Michelle Grigore's "Toledo Metroparks--Savanna Restoration in the Oak Openings Metropark," John Young's

"Cooper River Project in South Carolina" and his "St. Clair River Project in Michigan," Donald Tilton's "Detroit Airport Wetland Mitigation Project," and Tom Crow's "Impacts of Silvicultural Treatments on

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From the Calvary Baptist Church

Forgiveness

The first important principle for us to remember is the Sovereignty nature of Forgiveness. God is not only the source of our forgiveness, but He sets the terms for forgiveness. After completing the model prayer for His disciples, Christ re-emphasized one of the petitions. "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." (Matthew 6:12) "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Matthew 6:14,15) Even our sins against Uriah and Bathsheba, he first sought forgiveness from God. "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done [this] evil in thy sight." (Psalm 51:4a) All sin violates the holiness and righteousness of God.

Jesus Christ paid the full price for the forgiveness of all our sins. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead

of sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." (1 Peter 2:24) "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace." (Ephesians 1:7) John says to backsliders: "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

The second important principle for us to remember is the social necessity of forgiveness. On the personal level, God promised not to forgive us unless we forgive others. "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses." (Mark 11:25, 26)

We also face the social necessity of forgiveness on a national level. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their

wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)

The third important principle for us to remember is the self nurturing benefits of God's forgiveness. "But He [was] wounded for our transgressions, [He was] bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace [was] upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5) "As far as the east is from the west, [so] far hath He removed our transgressions from us." (Psalm 103:12) "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." (Hebrews 8:12)

Pastor "B"

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Elder Saraiva to present missionary program at RLDS Church

Elder José-Antonio Saraiva, Ph.D. will present highlights of his last missionary trip on March 10, at the 11 a.m. worship service in the Grayling branch of the RLDS Church at the corner of Glenn and North Down River Road.

Dr. Saraiva was born at the fringes of the Amazon jungle, in São Luis, capital of the State of Maranhão, Brazil, and received his B.S. in Agriculture (1970) from the Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRRJ). Upon graduation, he joined the UFRRJ as an instructor of Agricultural Meteorology being promoted to assistant professor of Forest Ecology

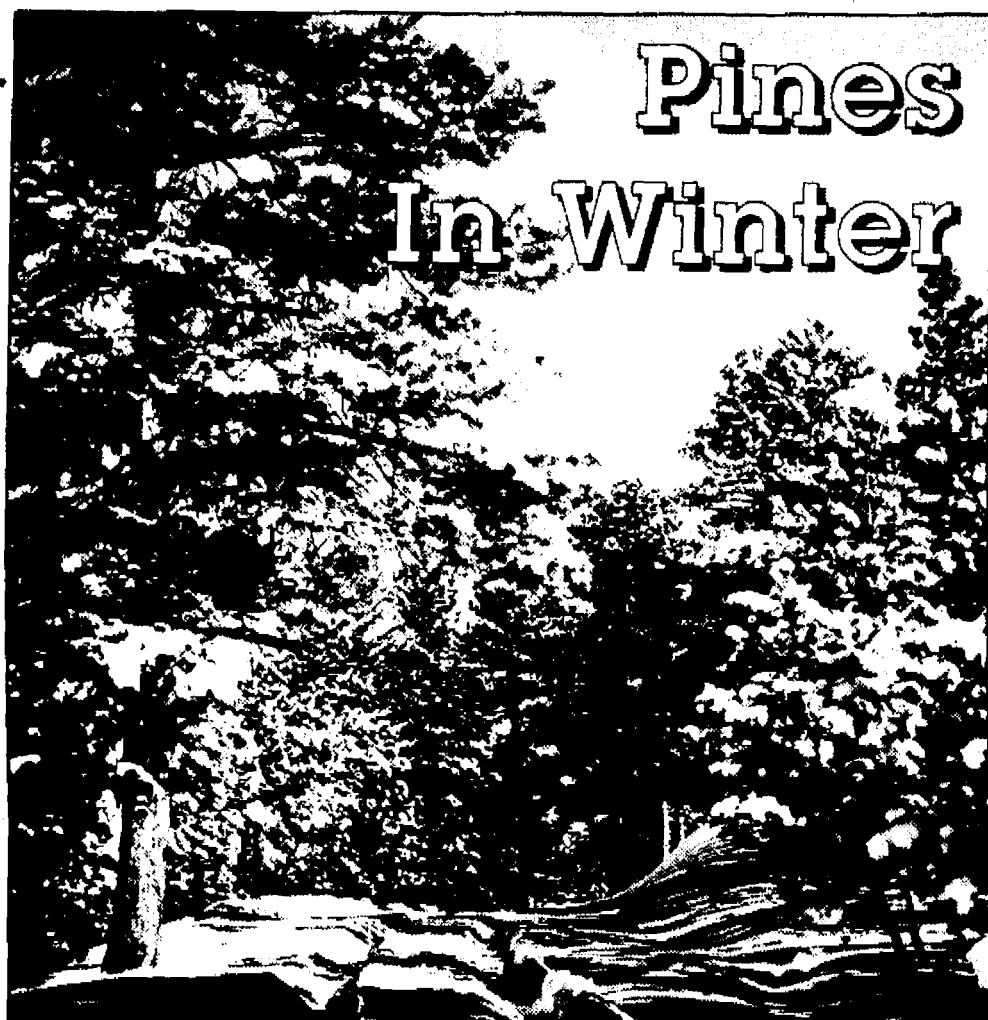
in 1978, and to associate professor of Environmental Sciences in 1985. In the meantime, he also headed the Department of Environmental Sciences (1979-1981) and acted as dean of the College of Forestry and Natural Resources (1980-1981) at that same university in Brazil.

Furthering his education, he came to the USA in 1974, and obtained his M.S. (1976) from Colorado State University (CSU). While attending college at Fort Collins, Colorado, he married the Michigander, Yelive Szkotnicki, in 1976. In 1978, the family moved to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, but returned to the USA in 1984. While Yelive and the kids stayed in Grayling, Dr. Saraiva returned to CSU to complete his Ph.D. program in bioclimatology in 1985. Then he returned alone to Brazil in order to fulfill contractual obligations with the UFRRJ, and one year later, in 1986, the move from Brazil was completed and the family reunited in Grayling, where they resided for the next two years.

Dr. Saraiva and his older son Lúcio joined the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and were baptized together in the AuSable River in August 1988.

Since ordained, Elder Tony Saraiva, as he is known among the "Saints," has become progressively involved in various forms of outreach ministries, including ministry to the confined, jail chaplaincy ministries, and overseas missionary works. His current home congregation, the Rose Lake branch of the RLDS Church in the Lansing district, encouraged Elder Saraiva to realize two missionary trips to São Paulo, Brazil, in 1995, one in April and another in November. In this last missionary trip, Elder Saraiva was joined by the RLDS High Priest Darrell Mink, Latin American region director, and Seventy Russell Fletcher, Outreach International director, and by the Apostle Steve Veazey, specialist in Church Implantations, and Apostle David Brock, in charge of the Southwest Apostolic field which includes Brazil.

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Appearing before The Honorable George Alexander by assignment:

Mark H. Harrington, 36, of Grayling, was charged with Fail To Return Rented Property Under \$100, and was fined \$300, restitution paid. He was cited June 10, 1995, by the city police.

Wm. Davis Franks, Jr., 24, of Lennon, was charged with Retail Fraud 2nd Degree, and was fined \$160 or 14 days. He was cited Jan. 15, 1994, by the city police.

Martin Jay Whitney, 29, of Traverse City, plead guilty to the charge of NSF Check Under \$50, and was fined \$190, and ordered to pay \$30 restitution. He was cited April 23, 1990. On motion of the prosecuting attorney, the original charge of No Account Check was dismissed upon above plea.

Teresa Lynn Pierce, 34, of Mio, plead guilty to the charge of NSF Check Under \$50, and was fined \$100, restitution paid. She was cited June 15, 1991, by the city police.

Kenneth Russell Karst, 38, of Frederic, plead guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended 90 days. He was cited Jan. 4, 1996 by the city police.

Steven Rollo Wade, 34, of Pontiac, plead guilty to the charge of Driving While License Suspended, and was fined \$50. He was cited Jan. 14, 1996, by the sheriff dept.

Wm. Davis Franks, Jr., 24, of Lennon, plead guilty to the charge of OUIL, and was fined \$640, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended six months. He was cited Oct. 21, 1995, by the state police.

Dale Lee Burch, 18, of Roscommon, plead guilty to the charge of OUIL, and was fined \$640, placed on 12 months probation, plus his license was suspended six months.

William Richard Thompson, 32, of E. China, was bound over to circuit court on the charge of OUIL 3rd. A \$1,000 cash or surety bond was set.

Thomas Manos, 31, of Kintross, was bound over to circuit court on the charge of Prisoner In Possession Of Weapon. No bond was set as he is a state prisoner.

James Allen Robineau, aka Robideau, 22, of Mt. Pleasant, plead guilty to the charge of Unlawfully Possession Of Marijuana, and was fined \$240, ordered to pay \$150 lab fees, plus his license was suspended six months. He was cited May 8, 1995, by the state police.

Robert E. Holtslander, 37, of Linden, demanded a preliminary exam on the charge of Possession Less Than 25 Grams Of Cocaine. A \$5,000 cash or surety bond was set.

Ralph Avery Reynolds, 33, of Roscommon, demanded a preliminary exam on the charge of OUIL 3rd. A \$10,000 cash or surety bond was set.

Bruce Terrence Provost, Jr., 23, a state prisoner, demanded a preliminary exam on the charge of Attempt Escape Prison. A \$1,000 cash or surety bond was set.

Randy Shelby McKay, 24, a state inmate, demanded a preliminary exam on the charge of Attempt Escape Prison. A \$1,000 cash bond was set.

Kenneth Lee Henry, 29, a state prisoner, demanded a preliminary exam on the charge of Assault Prison Guard. A \$1,000 cash or surety bond was set.

Charles Francis Varney, 32, of Milan, plead guilty to Count I: OUIL, and was fined \$640, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended six months; and Count II: Unlawful Use Of Marijuana, and was fined \$240, plus ordered to pay \$150 lab fees. He was cited Nov. 15, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

Jennifer Ray Thatcher, 22, of Roscommon, demanded a preliminary exam on the charge of Manufacture Marijuana. A \$5,000 personal bond was set.

Edward Randy Sajdak, 40, of Frederic, demanded a preliminary exam on two charges of Delivery Of Marijuana. A \$10,000 personal bond was set.

Brian David Robinson, 18, of Grayling, was charged with Home Invasion 2nd Degree. On motion of prosecuting attorney, the charge was dismissed, defendant plead to a charge in circuit court.

Philip Jay Taylor, 27, of Holt, plead guilty to the charge of Transport Loaded Firearm In Motor Vehicle, and was fined \$160 or 14 days. He was cited Jan. 25, 1996, by the sheriff dept.

Suzanne M. Waycaster, 35, of Frederic, plead guilty to the charge of NSF Check Under \$50, and was fined \$160 or 14 days, restitution paid. She was cited Dec. 2, 1994, by the state police.

Dohn Joseph Gugin, 19, of Frederic, demanded a preliminary exam to three counts of Forgery, and three counts of Possession Stolen Property Over \$100. A \$1,000 cash or surety bond was set.

Joel Thaddeus Thatcher, 24, of Roscommon, demanded a preliminary exam on the charge of Manufacture Marijuana. A \$5,000 personal bond was set.

Bradley Robert Prause, 18, of Grayling, was charged with Impaired Driving and was fined \$540 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended 90 days. He was cited Sept. 16, 1995, by the state police.

Sean Brian Mueller, 27, of Grayling, plead guilty to the charge of Driving While License Suspended, and was fined \$340 or 30 days. He was cited Oct. 23, 1995, by the city police.

Workers in Frederic to meet March 5

Workers in Frederic held their meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 6. Plans are in the making for the Easter Egg Hunt at the Frederic Elementary School.

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 5, at 7 p.m., at the Frederic Town Hall. New members are welcome. For additional information, call 348-5585.

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"Any taxpayer who claims a child as a dependent on their 1995 federal income tax return must include the child's SSN unless the child was born in November or December of 1995," said IRS District Director Arlene Kay. "If possible, taxpayers should also include the SSN for any dependent born in November or December. If one is not available, the taxpayer must write '11/95' or '12/95,' as appropriate, in the space for the child's number of the tax return."

"Including the SSN or the month and year notation will prevent delays in receiving an income tax refund," Kay said. "Taxpayers should check

and recheck all the names and SSNs on the return to ensure timely refunds."

If the parents already applied for an SSN for a newborn child through the birth registration process, they should receive the number within two to four months, usually before they're ready to file the tax return.

"A taxpayer who has not applied for a SSN for a dependent child can do so

by completing Form SS-5 and providing the Social Security Administration with an original birth certificate and one other piece of identification showing the child's name, such as a doctor's letter or hospital record," said Kay.

To get more information on how to apply or to get Form SS-5, contact any local Social Security office or call 1-800-772-1213.

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MAGISTRATE

Appearing before Magistrate Jean Callewart:

Gerald R. Davis of Port Huron, was fined \$144 for Possession Of Rifle—Five Days Prior To Firearm Deer Season.

Steven Joe Bergey of Grayling, was sentenced to 17 days in the county jail for Possession Of Loaded Firearm In Motor Vehicle.

Lyle J. Salisbury, Jr., of Vassar, was fined \$120 for Hunt From Illegal Blind—Public Land.

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CONVENIENCE

Joel Stolkford of Hemlock, was fined \$170 for Possess Loaded Firearm In Motor Vehicle.

William Brian Burrick of Grayling, was fined \$45 for Fishing With Too Many Lines.

William Conway McQueen of Grayling, was fined \$45 for Unattended Lines.

William Conway McQueen of Grayling, was fined \$55 for Unattended Tip-Ups.

BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

Everyone is invited to the World Day of Prayer service to be held at 1 p.m. on March 1, St. Mary's Church, Grayling, is hosting the non-denominational service.

Wade Baker of Grayling, has sold a software program, Astro Bizier, to Zephyr Services. It is an astronomy software company who does domestic and international business in the astronomy field. Baker's program has received a very favorable review in the April issue of Astronomy magazine. Baker is working on his software programs at his home in Grayling. He is the son of Joanne Baker and the late James Baker.

MILITARY NEWS

Marine Lance Cpl. Brandon N. Walsh, son of Jann L. Besonen of Grayling, recently reported for duty with Headquarters and Service Battalion, 2nd Force Service Support Group, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Grayling Antique Mall to open March 1

One of the hottest hobbies of the nineties is collecting antiques, and now Grayling has a new place to find unique antiques and collectibles. Grayling Antique Mall will open March 1, at 10 a.m.

The four dealers include: Golden Era, with Debbie and Jim Golden of Grayling; Ginger's Collectibles, with Ginger Bacon of Higgins Lake; Darling's Collectibles, with Bonnie and Darrell Darling of Gaylord; and

Reel Antiques and Collectibles, with Louise and Keith Malinowski of Redford.

Grayling Antique Mall will offer a great selection of quality antique furniture, glass, china, jewelry, clothing, fishing collectibles, decoys, golf collectibles, nautical items and much more.

Grayling Antique Mall is located at 100 West Michigan, across from the Depot Museum Complex in Grayling.

Controlled Burn reading series continues in March

The Literature and Language Arts Department and the Fine Arts Department of Kirtland Community College is happy to announce the second reading in the Winter 1996 Controlled Burn readings. On Wednesday, March 6, Alma College's fiction writer Randi Davenport will do a question-and-answer session and perform a reading of her work. The Q-and-A session will occur at 4 p.m. in the Kirtland Academic Building (room 16); the reading will be held at the Continuing Education Center at 7:30 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public; a reception will follow.

A young writer, who is currently making a name for herself, Davenport's work is often dark and forceful—exploring the tensions of surviving and staying sane in a world that is frequently conjuring up our phobias and desires. Her work has appeared in a number of magazines, and a new story is featured in the second issue of Kirtland Community College's national literary magazine *Controlled Burn*, copies of which will

be available at the reading.

Reading series coordinator and journal editor Gerry LaFemina says about the March 6 event: "I think having a woman here who writes like Randi is going to be great for the series. I never want it to be said that our events are homogenous—they don't all sound the same. Randi's stories are often, not bleak, but disturbing because they present the world as it is from points of view that we sometimes like to ignore. It's dangerous writing, but the best art is often dangerous and provocative and it should let us into a vision that we haven't seen before."

Like all the events this season at Kirtland, the Davenport reading is sponsored by the Instructional Division of Kirtland Community College and a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs through the Saginaw Community Foundation, their region 7 regranting agency. All events are open to the public and free. For more information, contact Gerry LaFemina at (517) 275-5121, ext. 376.

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DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter, North Higgins Lake State Park

The pungent, eye and nose irritating odor of a skunk is unmistakable and there isn't a person, child or adult that can't relate the smell to the animal. It is such a disagreeable odor that one wonders how it could be used to provide a base for perfume, and even more, how it is collected. According to recognized sources, there are four members of this odorous family in the United States, but only one is found commonly in Michigan.

The spotted skunk is said to be the smallest of the family, and according to one source, is black with a white spot on the forehead, one white spot under each ear and four broken white stripes along its neck, back and sides with a white-tipped tail. While it is common in much of the United States, it is not usually found in Michigan. The hog-nosed skunk found in the southwest, is aptly named since it has a naked piglike snout. Its back and tail are white, while the lower portions of the body are the typical black. The hooded skunk gets its name from the hair on its neck that spreads out in a ruff. One source I have overlaps its range with the hog-nosed skunk and another claims it is found only in the very southern parts of Arizona and New Mexico.

The so-called common skunk, woods pussy or polecat is our resident "La Phew." Skunks survive well almost anywhere since they are omnivorous, meaning they eat almost anything including small mammals, birds, eggs and insects. They are especially fond of honey and bee larva. One thing to be said in favor of the skunk is they are great mousers. Some farmers think they are better than most cats.

It will not be long before they will be out and about if the weather continues to moderate. While they are not considered to be true hibernators, like the chipmunk and woodchuck, they do tend to den up with other skunks to sleep for most of the winter. Mating either occurred late in the winter or will very soon, with a gestation period of up to two months. It is not unusual to see a family of up to 10 miniature look-a-likes trailing like a train after the adult female.

Getting rid of skunks and their odor has always been a problem. I am sure you may have your favorite method of deodorizing a pet, but Scope mouthwash is said to be more effective than tomato juice. The most effective method of eliminating skunks, I have discovered, is with an enclosed live trap. If they can't see you, they are likely not to spray, so the skunk can be relocated without creating an odorous situation for yourself. If you would like plans for a live trap you can build, give me a call at (517) 821-6125, or write me in care of N. Higgins Lake State Park, 11252 N. Higgins Lake Drive, Roscommon, MI 48653. By the way, if you like hilarious stories, read *The Skunk Ladder* by Patrick McManus.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Scott and Amy Kolka of Grayling, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Naomi Louise, born on Feb. 16, 1996, and weighing 8 pounds, 7.9 ounces. Naomi was born at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Crawford County Sheriff Department



Sheriff Patrol

By Linda Sherwood

For the week of Feb. 19-25

The Crawford County Sheriff Department has moved back into their newly renovated offices.

Deputies from the Crawford County Sheriff Department responded to 100 incidents during the week of Monday, Feb. 16 to Sunday, Feb. 25. The incidents ranged from speeding citations to an accident involving three semi-tractors.

A fire in Frederic Township on Saturday, Feb. 24, completely destroyed the home of the Quintano family located on Chicasaw Trail. The fire is believed to have begun in the chimney, extending into the attic. Officers were called to control traffic. The incident occurred at 4:30 a.m. A number of spectators were blocking the traffic route in the area.

There were five burglaries reported during the week. The burglaries occurred on North Donnybrook, West Fletcher Road, Edgewater Lane, Bear Drive and East M-72. The burglary on Edgewater Lane involved a cabin and could have occurred anytime in the last two weeks. The burglary on West Fletcher Road was reported on Sunday, Feb. 25. The garage was broken into, a motorhome was damaged and several items were missing.

A car stereo was stolen from a motor vehicle on Tuesday, Feb. 20. On Wednesday, Feb. 21, a vending machine was reported missing from the Comfort Center.

There were six reports of malicious destruction to property. A caller on Margrethe Boulevard reported an ongoing problem. All four of the valve stems on the vehicle's tires were cut. This was not the first time this incident has occurred, according to the caller.

There were 17 accidents during the week, eight of which involved hitting a deer. A snowmobile trailer came loose from a car while traveling southbound on I-75, near mile marker 252 on Monday, Feb. 19. The incident occurred around 9 a.m. The trailer rolled over in a ditch. There were no injuries.

On Wednesday, Feb. 21, at approximately 4 a.m., deputies from the Crawford County Sheriff Department were dispatched to an accident involving three semi-trailers. The incident occurred a half mile south of the I-75 merger on northbound US 27. No injuries resulted from the accident. US 27 was temporarily shut down at the Crawford County line for approximately three hours while the semis were removed.

The Michigan State Police assisted the sheriff department with this accident. Deputies state that icy road conditions were a factor in causing the accident. In addition, the deputies investigated one report of child abuse, six public peace disturbances, two invasion of privacy complaints, one juvenile runaway, six suspicious situations and 23 general, noncriminal incidents.

The Crawford County Sheriff Department responded to 80 incidents during the week of Monday, Feb. 12 to Sunday, Feb. 18.

Two snowmobiles were reported stolen from the parking lot of the Western Trails motel on West M-72. The theft was reported at 8 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 18. A third snowmobile was reported stolen on Monday, Feb. 12. The snowmobile had been chained to a post on West M-72.

Newspaper boxes were reported vandalized at the Four Mile rest area on northbound I-75. The boxes were painted. The vandalism could be related to the Detroit Newspapers strike in Detroit.

RSVP HAPPENINGS

By Gloria Mologianes

The weather man says frigid temps for Wednesday and the rest of the week, and snow showers, but wasn't this weekend a beautiful reminder that spring is on its way. And with the onset of spring, we are busy at RSVP getting ready for all of our seasonal stations.

Have you ever wanted to work at the historical museum or Hartwick Pines? We can line you up for just that. If you are 55 years of age or older, just give us a call at 348-4341. We are also in need of anyone who might be interested in helping the youths at the Shawono Center with their garden and flowers this year. There is a grounds and landscaping committee from the advisory council that is just now starting to prepare for the upcoming growing season. If this is in your

interest area, give us a call. The boys will appreciate all of the talents and knowledge you may have in this area.

With the upcoming season, we are also starting to prepare for our first-annual Memorial Day rummage sale. When you do your spring house cleaning and are going through your closets, remember we can use any and all of your junk for our sale. We use sales such as these for fund raising for our program. And with the federal government cuts to our budget this year, we can use all the fund raising we can do. Another request, even though it may appear that winter is on its way out, we are already preparing for next winter and could use any yarn you may not have a use for. Our volunteers are working diligently to build up the stock pile of hats, scarves and mittens in preparation for next year.

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY Stormy weather underscores need for direct deposit

Noting that the recent bad weather has sometimes obstructed the delivery of checks from Social Security.

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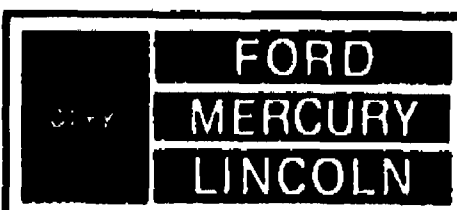


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MILITARY NEWS

Donald Feldhauser

Donald P. Feldhauser, 73, of Grayling, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 1996, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. A memorial service will be held Friday, March 1, at 2 p.m., at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, with Reverend Douglas Paterson officiating. Military rites will be conducted by representatives of the Michigan National Guard and American Legion Post 106. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home.

Mr. Feldhauser was born Sept. 20, 1922, in Grayling, and had lived here his entire life. On Oct. 10, 1977, on an island at Wakeley Bridge, he was married to Jeanne Fowler Wakeley. He was a member of Michelson Memorial Methodist Church.

Mr. Feldhauser served with the US Marine Corps during World War II. He was a guide, and had worked for the Crawford County Road Commission. He was also a 3-time AuSable Canoe Marathon winner.

Mr. Feldhauser was preceded in death by his first wife June, on June 4, 1975; his parents, Paul and Edna (Wythe) Feldhauser, brother, Henry, and sister Catherine.

Survivors include: wife, Jeanne Fowler Wakeley Feldhauser of Grayling; sons, Daniel Feldhauser of Trenton, and Bruce Feldhauser of Virginia Beach, Virginia; daughter, DelAnn Pelkey of Roseville; step-daughter, Jill Wyman of Grayling; brothers, Herbert Feldhauser of Daytona Beach, Florida, James Feldhauser of Merritt Island, Florida, and Charles Feldhauser of Grayling; sisters, Marguerite Bryant of Mio, Ruth Cruz of Grayling, and Wilma Roth of Bay City; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Arthritis Foundation.

Charles Brummer

Charles A. Brummer, 87, of Grayling, died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1996, at his residence. Cremation has taken place and no services are planned.

Mr. Brummer was born Aug. 19, 1908, in Bunker Hill, Illinois. He attended school in Bunker Hill, graduated from Milliken University, and later moved to Lansing.

An avid hunter and fisherman, Mr. Brummer was a life member of the National Rifle Association and the Amateur Trapshooting Association, a charter member of the Michigan Trapshooting Association, and a member of the Houghton-Higgins Lake Elks Lodge.

In 1961, he married Phyllis Culver Brown, and she survives. He is also survived by a daughter, Susan Nergaard of Maine, and step-sons, Jon L. Brown and Ben H. Brown, Jr., both of California.

Friends desiring may make memorial contributions to the Crawford County Library, Hospice of Michigan, or Michigan Home Health Care.

Douglas Siudara

Douglas John Siudara, 44, of Grayling, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1996. Private graveside services were held Monday, Feb. 26, at 9:30 a.m., and a Memorial Mass of the Resurrection was held Monday at 11 a.m. at St. John & Paul Catholic Church.

Mr. Siudara was born June 27, 1951, in Highland Park, the son of Joseph and Josephine (Toton) Siudara. He graduated from Romeo High School in 1969, and he worked for Michigan Aggregates in Kalkaska.

Survivors include: mother, Josephine Siudara of Washington, Michigan; brothers, Joseph Siudara of West Palm Beach, Florida, and John Siudara of Washington, Michigan;

sisters, Helene and husband Mike Chaplow of Jupiter, Florida, Donna and husband David Shawn, and JoAnn and husband Kip Sonenberg, both of Rochester Hills; three nieces and three nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Rainbow Connection or to Make A Wish Foundation.

Leona Nichols

Leona Arle Nichols, 79, of Angola, Indiana, died Monday, Feb. 19, 1996, at her residence. Funeral services were held Friday, Feb. 23, at 2 p.m., at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Indiana, with Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial was in Fremont Cemetery, Fremont.

Mrs. Nichols was born Sept. 29, 1916, in Angola, Indiana, the daughter of Vern and Enola (Hutchins) Hufnagle. She was a clerk at K & H Pharmacy in Angola.

Mrs. Nichols was preceded in death by her husband, J. Q. in 1984; daughter, Kathryn; two sisters and one brother.

Survivors include: daughters, Eunice and husband John Gibbeny, and Mary Ann Burlew, both of Fremont, Indiana; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters, Mildred May of Fremont, Indiana, Frieda and husband John Frain of Auburn, Indiana, and Treva and husband Ray McClanahan of Grayling; and brother, Jack Hufnagle of Punta Gorda, Florida.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Kelly R. Wakeley, son of Terry R. Wakeley of Grayling, recently reported for duty at Naval Air Station, Lemoore, California.

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Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class William C. Tones, son of Albert J. and Carol J. Tones of Frederic, was recently selected as Garuda Supervisor of the Quarter with Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 134, Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, Washington.

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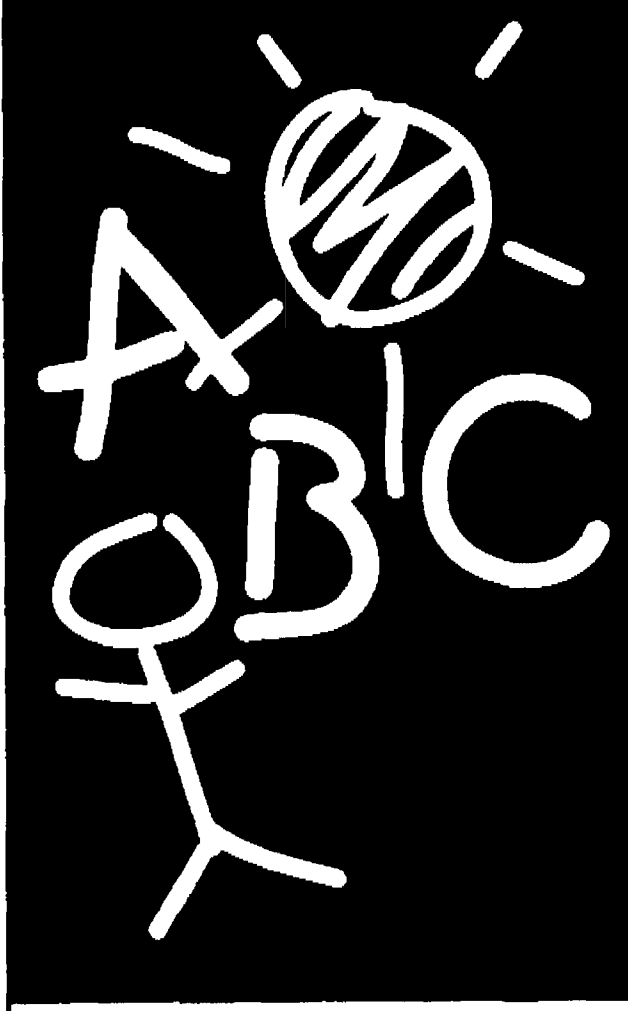
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HEALTHLINE

Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

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Question: I was shocked to hear that so many children today worry about violence at school. As a parent, what can I tell my children about handling conflicts among their friends and classmates?

Signed: Peaceful Parent

Answer: School violence in most areas is on the rise and rural communities are not immune to the problem. Violence at school comes in many forms and may include bullying by fellow students, theft of another's possessions, threats against someone, extortion or using violence to get money, carrying weapons, vandalism or property damage, group attacks, etc. All these activities unfortunately cause students to spend more time worrying about their personal safety than about their studies.

Your children need to know how to recognize a potentially violent situation, how to handle anger and violence and how to avoid becoming a victim.

Violence at school often follows a predictable pattern. Two people or two groups of students have a conflict or disagreement over some topic which leads them to exchange insults, angry words or threats. As each person becomes angrier voices escalate and other classmates may congregate and dare them to fight. Now the participants may believe they can't back down without losing face and as a consequence a fight erupts. Even at a later date, one of these participants may seek revenge for remarks made by the other and thus initiate a whole new cycle of violence.

As a parent, it's a good idea to talk to your children about how to react if threatened or insulted by fellow classmates. Insults should be ignored and not taken personally. Advise them to keep calm and walk away. Sometimes making a joke can help diffuse the situation. Agreeing with the instigator, even admitting you're wrong even if you're not, can help avoid conflict.

If your children witness a confrontation that could result in

violence, they should go get help from school staff. Advise them not to take sides or encourage violent responses by teasing and yelling at those individuals contemplating a fight.

If a possible disagreement occurs between your children and others, school staff may be willing to serve as a mediator, to help bring about a peaceful solution to the problem. Mediation can resolve many differences of opinion without violent outcomes.

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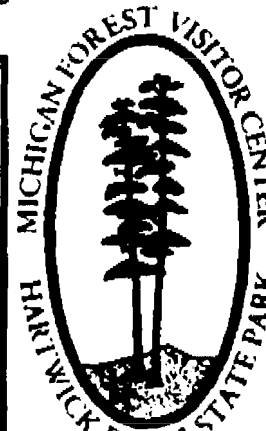
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said Terry Westfall, director of corporate safety for Consumers Power. "Driving safety is an area where all of us can afford to improve and benefit which is precisely why we're now making this video available outside our company." The utility's Corporate Communications Department recently took top honors for producing the video, winning a Crystal Award at the national communicator Awards. *The Miles House Accident: Angels on the*

Highway, can be obtained by calling the Corporate Safety Department at Consumers Power, (517) 788-0679. There will be no charge while supplies last.

PINE WHISPERS

Hartwick Pines State Park



We talked a little last time about how much work and how many trees a shanty boy was expected to cut in a day's work. But

what exactly constitutes a lumberjack's day? There is considerable variation in the accounts as to how many hours were spent in the woods. A work day may have started as early as 3 a.m. and lasted until 9 or 10 p.m.

The cook, the cookee (or chore boy), and the teamsters would have been the first out of bed in the morning. There was wood to chop, fires to start, breakfast to cook, horses to groom, and sleigh roads to ice down before the others awoke. Loggers would often hang their pairs of wool socks over the stove at night to dry them out, and one account tells of some mischievous teamsters, who being up first, would rearrange the 100 pair of drying socks each morning just for fun. Imagine the scene as a bunkhouse full of burly, sleepy men began the day by sorting out their socks.

The actual work of felling, cutting up, and hauling logs, though, could only take place during the daylight hours. So, when the history books tell you that the jacks worked long hours, dawn to dark, think about what that actually means. Logging was primarily a winter business, because ice and snow are what allowed the logs to be dragged out of the woods. Here in the north woods, in the winter, light may not break the eastern horizon until 8:30 a.m. or later, and the sky is generally dark before 4 p.m. Which is certainly not to say that the work was neither long nor hard; but, on the other hand, any of us who work an 8-hour day are used to working down to dusk in the Michigan winter. Of course, with the lengthening days of spring came longer and longer work days for the lumberjacks. There was very little rest at all for the river hogs who rode the logs down the river and into the summer months.

In any case, most established camps had a rule about lights out at 9 o'clock. After a day of cutting wood, and a large dinner, sleep probably came easy. And with no electric lights, and severely-limited personal possessions, there wasn't much else to do.

Just remember to keep one wakeful eye on your socks.

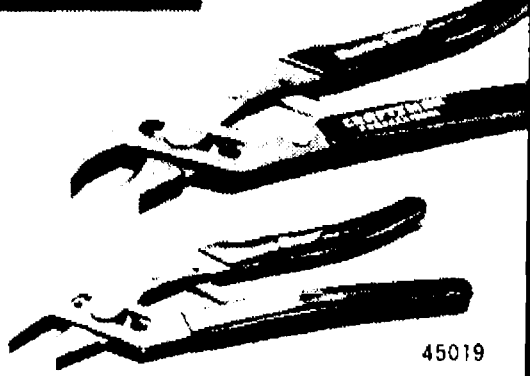
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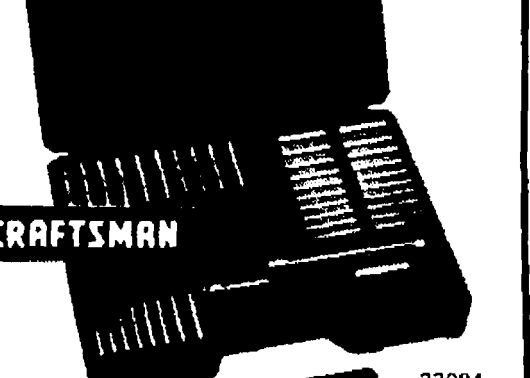
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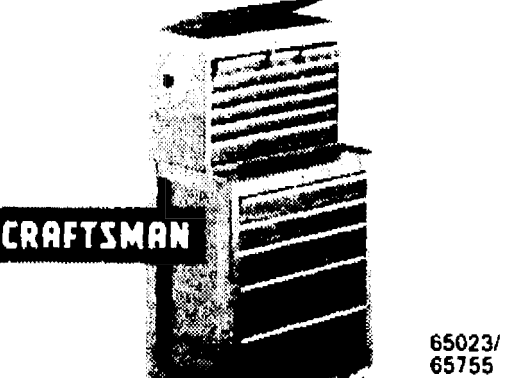
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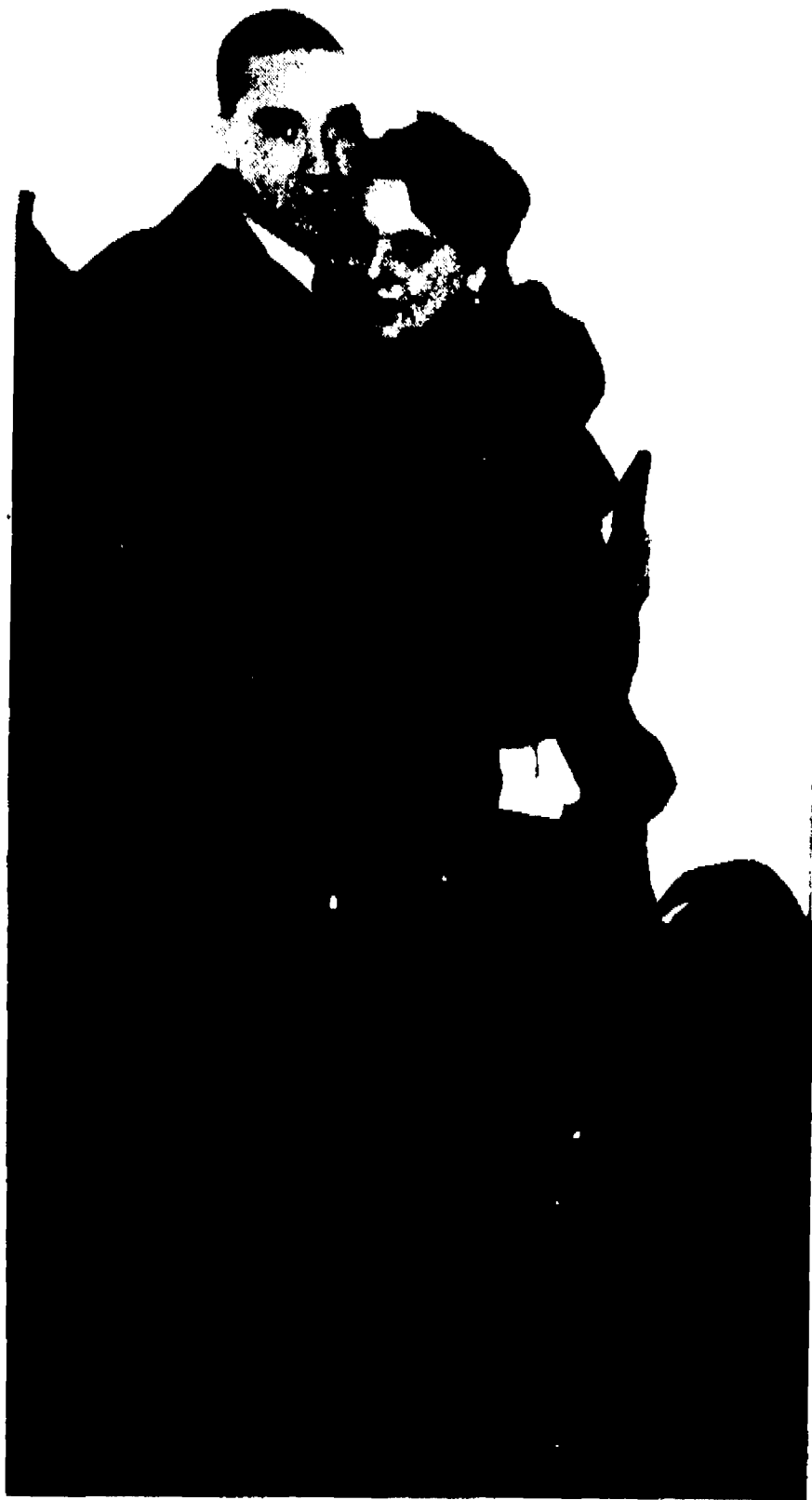
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Answer: When property is damaged or destroyed due to a flood, the loss is called a casualty. Damage caused by other events such as earthquakes, tornadoes, storms, fires, vandalism, and automobile accidents may also qualify as casualties.

In the case of personal-use property, such as your home, the amount of the loss you can deduct on your tax return is further reduced by \$100 per casualty and by 10 percent of your adjusted gross income.

How much of a loss will be deductible in your particular case will depend on the size of your loss relative to your income. For example, a loss of \$8,000 (after insurance reimbursement) will be partially deductible for a taxpayer with adjusted gross income of \$40,000. The same loss, however, will not be deductible for a taxpayer with adjusted gross income of \$80,000.

Wedding Invitations



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED—Jack and Doryl Langlois of Harbor Springs, announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Ruth Langlois, to U.S. Army Pvt. Jason E. Blaine, son of John and Charlene Blaine of Grayling. Michelle is a 1995 graduate of Harbor Springs High School. Jason is a 1994 graduate of Grayling High School, and recently completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Jason and Michelle will be married in March at Fort Jackson.



MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED—Doris Doe of Grayling, was married to William Nasutovich of Melvindale, on Jan. 26. William is employed as a discrepancy auditor at Ford Motor Company, and Doris designs displays at Sears. They will be leaving on a 7-day honeymoon cruise in May, to the Virgin Islands, and will reside in Melvindale.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling in the following areas:
The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Road 612, east of Sherman Road, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F-97 (Twin Bridge Road). Firing will begin on March 1 and cease on March 3.
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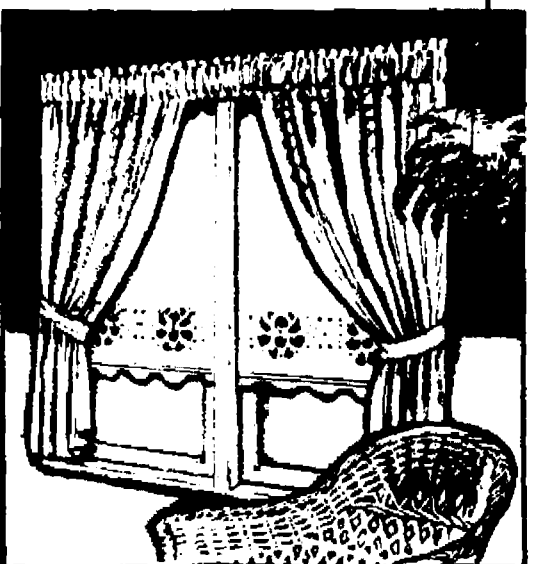
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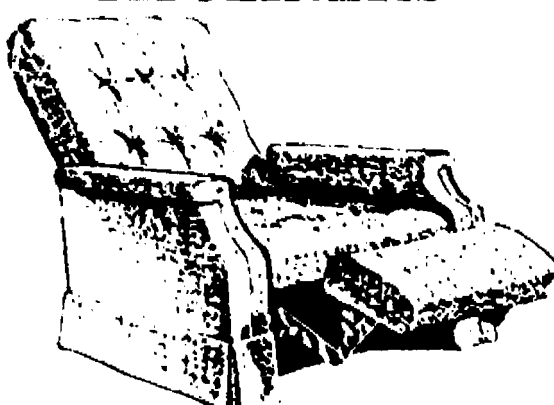
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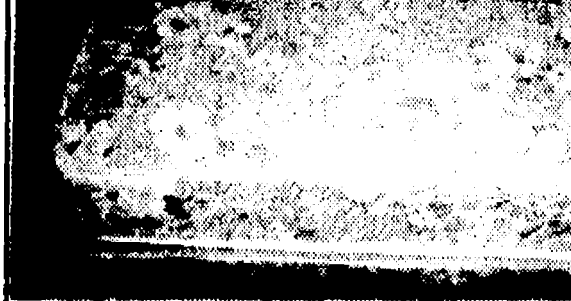
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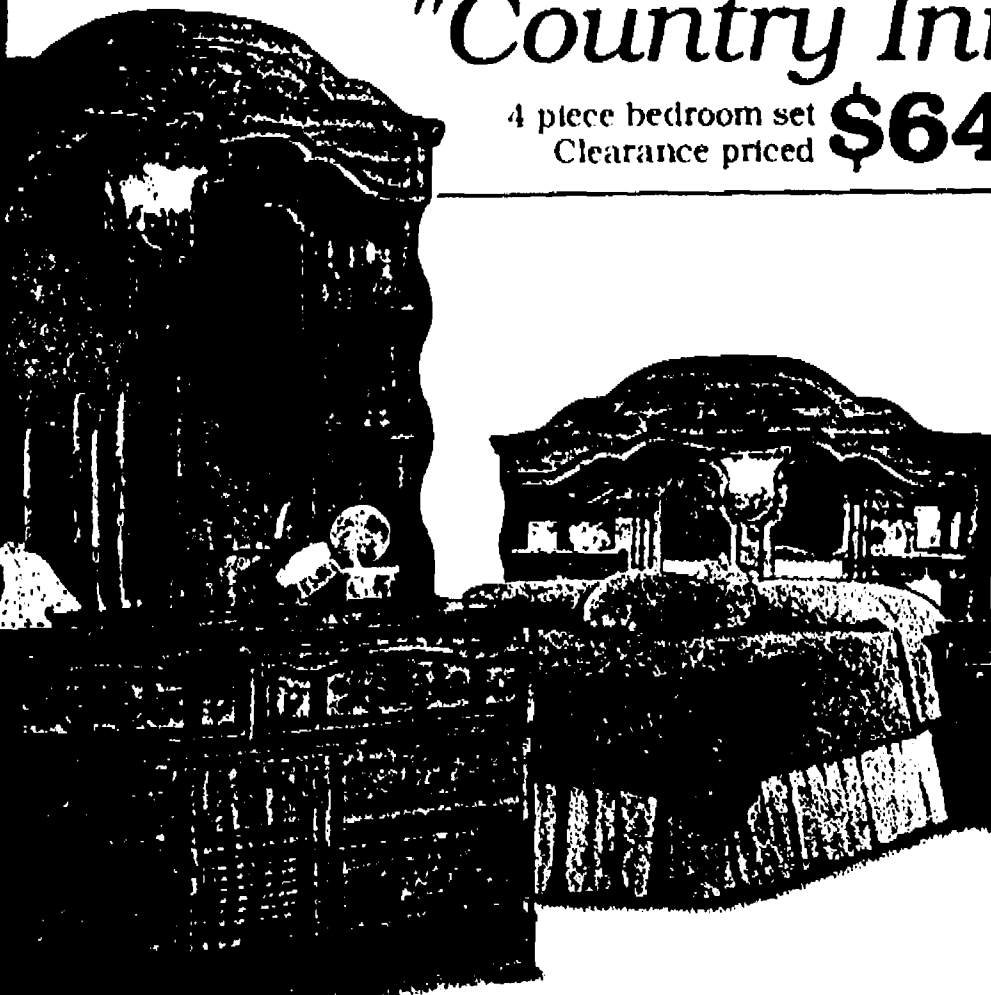
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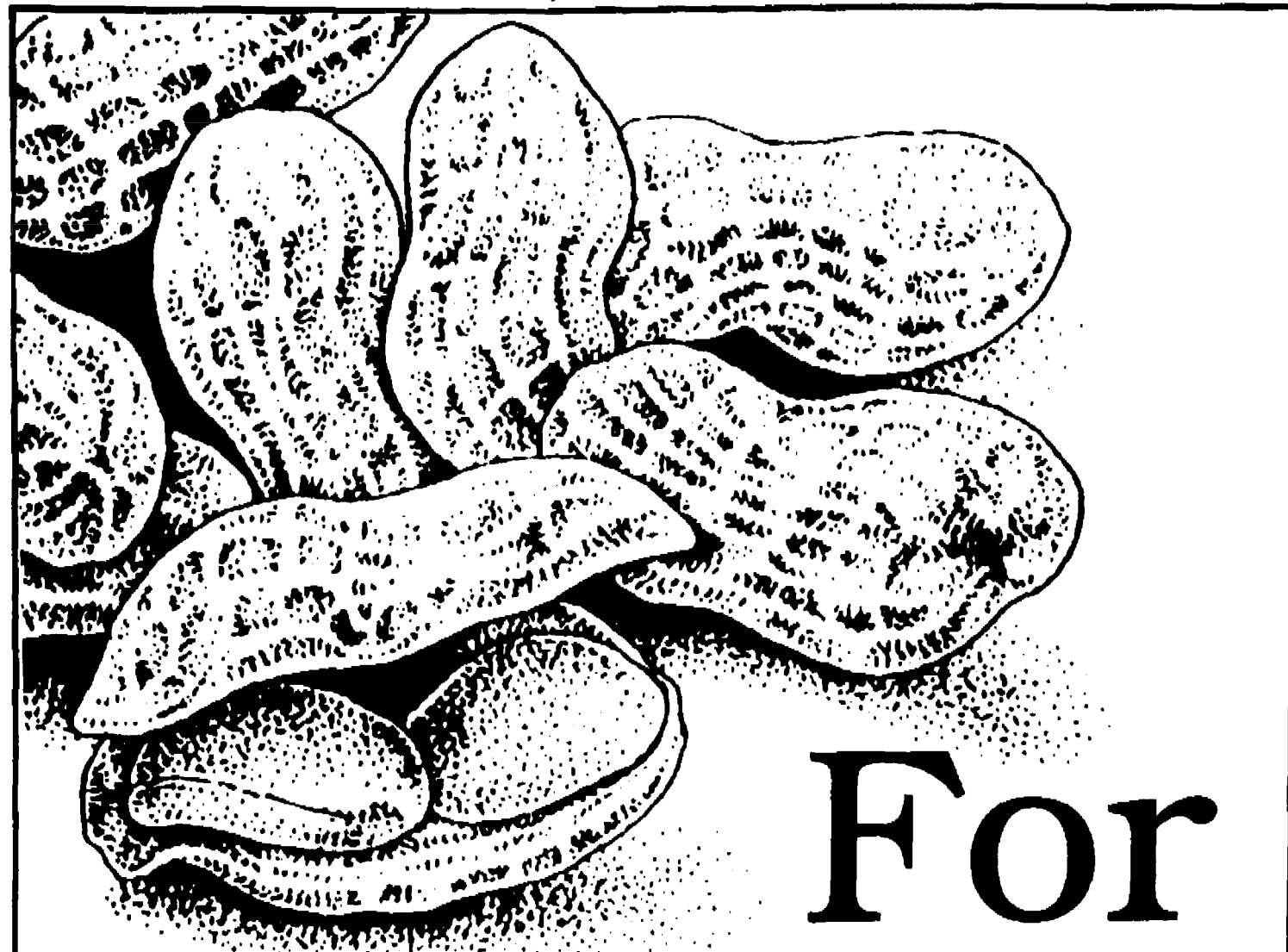
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Military Records," to file with the National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132.

Question: What can I do to upgrade my bad conduct discharge, if possible?

Answer: Call the Veterans Benefits Administration's toll-free number at 800-827-1000 to request that you be sent DD Form 293. This will provide information on how to appeal your discharge status. If more than 15 years have passed since discharge, DD Form 149 should be used.

Question: I have seen references to regulations that guide VA

evaluations of claims as being in Title 38 CFR. Where can I obtain a copy of this document?

Answer: VA's adjudication procedures are based on federal laws, regulations and VA policies. The document to which you refer is a part of the Code of Federal Regulations and may be available at your local library. VA offers public access to a searchable electronic version at <http://www.va.gov/regs/title38.htm> via Internet. You also may purchase copies of the volumes that comprise Title 38 through the Government Printing Office (GPO); contact GPO at (202) 512-1800 for current information on price and availability.

Spanish Flamenco dancing featured in Winter Dance Concert

Swirling capes, bright ruffled skirts, and colorful fans mixed with hand-clapping and heel-stomping will accent Interlochen Arts Academy's Winter Dance Concert March 1, 2 and 3. The Corson Auditorium performances on Friday and Saturday begin at 8 p.m. The Sunday matinee will be held at 3 p.m.

Tickets to the Winter Dance Concert are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students 18 and under, and they will be available at the door, or by calling the Interlochen Box Office at (616) 276-6230.

The Interlochen Arts Academy Dance Ensemble will present an energetic and exciting work set to the well-known musical piece *Bolero*. Spanish classical dancer/choreographer Luis Montero set the piece, working with 12 high school girls and five boys from Interlochen's

Dance Division. This supremely theatrical concoction of flamenco and ballet uses capes, poles, fans and lightning footwork. To call the work stunning is an understatement. Montero, formerly of Dallas, is currently in Toronto, where he is choreographing for "Arte Flamenco" under a grant from the Canadian Government. Originally from Granada, Spain, he was a professional flamenco dancer by the age of 15.

Guest choreographer Tauna Hunter of Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pennsylvania, where she is director of dance, set the classical ballet piece titled "Raymonda Suite," to Aleksander Glazunov's *Raymonda*. The dance piece consists of several classical variations and ensemble work, using six Interlochen dancers. The two other pieces on the program

are works choreographed by Interlochen faculty Wendy Masterson and Michael Tevlin. Masterson's original work is a contemporary ballet for nine dancers titled "Voyces," and set to Ralph Vaughn Williams' *Five Variants of Dives and Lazarus*. Tevlin, new to the Interlochen Dance division this year, has choreographed a romantic divertissement (classical ballet) to music by Sir Arthur Sullivan of the famous Gilbert and Sullivan.

The Academy Dance division offers a ballet-based curriculum which emphasizes performance; modern and jazz classes complement the source of study. The goal is to prepare the 45 students from around the country who study at Interlochen, for professional careers in dance or for degree work in college.

March 4-10 is Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Week

March 4-10 is Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Week, and during this week, the Arthritis Foundation is

launching a nationwide educational campaign to tell America that "Kids Get Arthritis Too."

According to the foundation, if a child avoids using a particular limb, shows signs of stiffness or complains about aching joints, it may not be just growing pains—it may be arthritis. Juvenile arthritis (JA) is a painful, sometimes debilitating condition that affects as many as 285,000 American children. But with early diagnosis and proper support, children and their families can cope with JA and enjoy a full range of activities.

"People don't expect to see arthritis in young adults, much less in children," said James Jarvis, M.D., assistant professor of pediatrics, Department of Rheumatology, Children's Hospital of Michigan. "But, the fact is that no one is invulnerable to it. Many younger people and their families must cope with the significant impact of daily arthritis pain. And although growing up is tough, growing up with arthritis is even tougher." According to Jarvis,

a child who has arthritis might find climbing steps, throwing a ball, opening a door or even walking very difficult or impossible. Arthritis also brings fatigue. Some children may have difficulties at school or with the rigorous activities of a field trip. Arthritis can be worse on some days than on others, flaring up when least expected.

Using the theme Kids Get Arthritis, Too, the Arthritis Foundation's week-long awareness efforts will focus on elementary, junior high and high schools by offering a variety of programs, including lesson plans for teachers and an educational coloring book for younger children.

"Sometimes it's difficult for parents, teachers and schoolmates to come to grips with the special challenges faced by young people who have arthritis," Jarvis said. "But these problems are very real and very painful even if there are no outward signs of the illness, as is frequently the case. This is why education and awareness are so important."

The good news is that the outlook for children with JA is optimistic, even though there is no cure. Early diagnosis and proper treatment can go a long way in preventing significant disability in later years.

The Arthritis Foundation is the source of help and hope for the nearly 40 million Americans who have arthritis. The foundation supports research to find ways to care and prevent arthritis diseases, and seeks to improve the quality of life for those affected by arthritis.

Red Cross blood supply all-time low

There were four first time donors at the Crawford County Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

The first time donors were Jean Weaver, Dawn Umphrey, Penny Alimenti and Donald Buist.

The next Crawford County Blood Drive will be Wednesday, March 6, at the American Legion, noon to 5:45 p.m. It is sponsored by the Grayling Holiday Inn.

It has been a difficult winter. There have been many accidents, surgeries and much illness. The supplies of blood are at all time lows in all locations. If you are a former donor or a current one, we desperately need your blood. We need all blood types, however O positive and negative are in short supply at all hospitals. Do your part on March 6 and feel good about yourself.

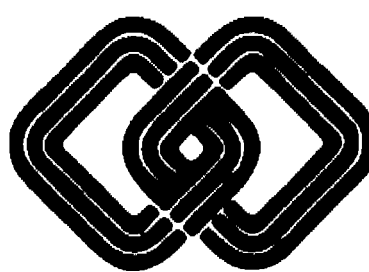


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Section B - Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, February 29, 1996



Kent S. Reynolds,
Superintendent

State of the School address

Continued from last week

Last year, using the new state categorical funding for "at risk" students, we hired a paraprofessional for each classroom in first through fifth grade for two hours each morning. The paraprofessionals work with students identified as needing extra attention in reading and mathematics, giving students the help they need to catch up and to meet challenges at their grade level. With reduced distraction, these students can have a more enjoyable school experience and gain more from their educational opportunities.

A computer network has been installed at the high school with a 25 station computer lab, a 22 station bus/lab, a keyboarding lab with older computers, and a few library computers. The lab and library computers have access to integrated learning system software, an ILS, which provides assessment and sequential instruction in reading and mathematics. Students can catch up on skills they have missed giving them the opportunity for greater success in the classroom. All the modern technology network computers can access reference materials including magazines and an atlas on CD Rom. A computer network has also been installed in the middle school with 28 stations distributed among fifth grade classrooms, mathematics and language arts classrooms, a small Title I lab and the library. These computers have access to the same ILS software as at the high school. Teachers have the technology to design instructional programs for students on the ILS based on their individual needs. Similar networks are scheduled for installation at the elementary schools later this year.

Our media centers have become much more than just libraries. They are the hub of our computer networks, they distribute video resources, and they offer both print and electronic reference material. Our media committee has revised and improved the process for selection of materials and the policy for challenged materials. They are currently completing development of a district library and media curriculum. Through the efforts of the committee, coordination of media services between and within all buildings has improved. Standards for operation are in place and standards for media personnel have been developed.

Students can not learn if they are hungry or suffering from poor nutrition. Our food service program has improved dramatically. Menus have greater variety, the food is of high nutritional quality and tastes good. Students have been surveyed to test their reaction to new menu items and to get their input for additional items. Equipment has been upgraded to reduce the time between preparation and serving retaining nutritional value and making the food tastier. Janet Raffke, our food service director hired to fill the position created last year, has provided a systematic training program for food service personnel. She has directed program improvement as evidenced by increased student participation in the lunch and breakfast programs and increased student satisfaction with the programs.

Result driven staff development:
Led by the district professional development committee and the direction set through strategic planning, professional development is significantly improved. Four full days of professional development have replaced half days providing more productive time for both professional

development and classroom instruction. The full days have allowed us to address topics more thoroughly with follow up. The focus last year was on instructional improvement for "at risk" students and this year on integration of curriculum. Time was available for staff to address applications.

Professional development activities have been designed to address needs dictated by district goals. Three ring binder portfolios are now located in each building media center with reports of district and building activities and individual and group professional development experiences. The portfolios will improve communication and a sharing of professional development opportunities. An annual committee report to the board night was initiated two years ago keep the board, staff, and community apprised of the large number of significant school improvement activities within the district.

Personnel policies and practices:

The development and implementation of a plan to ensure optimum diversity, composition, and quality of staff is the only one of the 10 strategies identified during strategic planning which has not been addressed. It is important that we follow through with the outline for addressing this strategy developed two years ago. A committee with representation from each building, employee group, administration and the board of education is to be appointed to review hiring practices and procedures, evaluation procedures, transfer procedures, levels of professional expectations, and to develop a code of ethics. This should be a high priority to complete before adoption of a new five year plan. The district is requiring higher skill levels and greater accountability from employees and cannot operate with the personnel practices of the past.

Construction project direction and progress:

After six attempts, a bond issue was approved by the voters on March 21, 1995. That bond issue will allow us to meet two significant strategies identified during the strategic planning process under the goal to graduate 100 percent of our students: to aggressively pursue a solution to our current and projected overcrowding and to develop a technologically rich learning environment.

Solution to overcrowding:

It is important to resolve our elementary and middle school overcrowding if we are to offer the educational program we have been planning. The successful March 21 bond issue has made that possible. The AuSable Primary School is under construction and due to open for the start of the next school year. The new building will allow the fifth grade to move from the middle school to the Grayling Elementary as that building becomes a third through fifth grade building. The middle school will have the space to expand learning. The Grayling Elementary staff will be able to address the needs of students in two of the most difficult transition grades, third and fifth, as those students will be in one building with adequate space. The AuSable Primary with preschool through second grade will be able to concentrate on the developmental needs of children in the early elementary grades in a building designed to meet those needs. That staff has been working toward development of a pilot for cross age instruction. The Frederic Elementary, with adequate space, will have the opportunity to create continuity in programming with a stable student population as the transfer of Grayling Elementary students to Frederic will come to an end.

The new building will end almost 20 years of busing Grayling Elementary attendance area students to the Frederic Elementary. We know from our fourth grade MEAP results that students who remain in the same building for third and fourth grade

score almost twice as well on the tests as students who change buildings between those years. With kindergarten through fifth grade in Frederic and the third through fifth grade Grayling Elementary attached to the AuSable Primary, stability and continuity will be facilitated.

Planning for next fall has been continuing all this year with five building staffing groups, aligned as they will be when the AuSable Primary opens. It is important to commend the staff in each of those buildings for their enthusiastic participation in planning, for their creativity, and for their positive outlook. I want to commend the administrators for their leadership in organizing the new staff alignment and planning programming for next fall. I especially want to commend Ellen Thompson for successfully drawing together staff from three different buildings to create a unified, active, and committed Grayling Elementary third through fifth grade team. She has made a most difficult task look easy. Our staff has done such a good job planning that the buildings will open next fall as if they have operated with the new alignment for years. Congratulations on a job well done!

The construction project will also include renovations to improve instructional space and space for service and itinerant staff at the Grayling and Frederic elementarys. Infrastructure maintenance needs including roofs, windows, building entries, and Americans with Disabilities Act compliance will also be addressed at those two buildings. Much needed physical education fields and parking are being added adjacent to the middle school. A new high school football field and track is being constructed at the high school site and will be ready for use this fall.

It is important to note a possible obstacle for the fall. The weather this winter, and particularly during the past two weeks has slowed construction of the AuSable Primary. We are behind the optimistic schedule for opening this fall. It is possible that the building will be ready but we need to be prepared if it is not. We will make plans during the next month to open without the new building. That will necessitate transferring Grayling students to Frederic until the building is ready. It will also necessitate keeping the fifth grade at the middle school until the building is ready. If we must open under those conditions, we will move students as soon as the new building is ready for occupancy.

One significant infrastructure need remains. The high school heating, ventilating and air conditioning is obsolete and expensive to operate and maintain. It does not provide consistent classroom temperatures and the noise of the unit ventilators disrupts instruction. It must be replaced. The great freeze underscored the need. Additional classrooms must be added to accommodate the increase in student enrollment projected for the year 2000. Existing classrooms, particularly the shops, art room, and business technology rooms must be renovated to accommodate the programs and technology designed to prepare students for the workplace of the next century. Remember that those rooms were designed in 1971 and the building opened in 1973. Hand held simple function calculators were considered state of the art technology at that time.

The community and school needs additional gymnasium floor space and our high school gymnasium should be renovated to accommodate spectators and to make it a more attractive tournament site. Remember that the high school gymnasium was designed as a physical education facility, not a spectator gymnasium. We must consider presenting a proposal to the community for funding high school infrastructure needs soon. Successful completion of such a project will guarantee a district infrastructure to meet the needs of the community and student population for at least the next 10 years.

Development of a technologically rich learning environment:

The successful March 21, 1995 bond issue will allow us to install the infrastructure necessary to fully implement the technology plan developed during the 1991-92 strategic planning. The district operating budget priority for technology, set a year ago, will allow us to add the workstations and software necessary to fully implement the plan. It will also ensure that obsolete district equipment is replaced on a schedule and ensure that dollars are available for maintenance of the system and training for personnel. We must protect the operating budget line item for technology if we are to provide students with the technology skills necessary for work and life in the next century.

Two of our teachers, Tom Mills and Pete Ingvarsson have participated in rigorous training this year in two different computer operating systems leading to certification as computer network administrators. A third, Terri Wakeley will begin training next year. It is important that we have trained personnel in each building to maintain our networks and operating systems, to install software, to maintain equipment, and to train our personnel.

In the next two months we will complete the design of the technology infrastructure, bid the project, and begin installation with the system being ready for the start of the next school year. The base for the system will be a wide area network linking all district buildings with fiber optic cable. Each building will have a local area network with connections for work stations in each classroom and a computer lab. The fiber optic link will allow for a two way interactive video link between any two sites in the district. For example, a second grade class in Frederic will be able to meet electronically with a second grade class in Grayling, see each other and talk with each other. The technology offers exciting opportunities for professional development and instructional expansion. Reference materials on CD Rom stored in any media center can be accessed from any computer on the network. With the automation of our media centers this summer, media collections in all buildings can be searched from any computer on the network. A planned link with Kirtland Community College and all C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District local districts using the latest in broad band telephone line technology called ATM will allow for video, data and voice transmission between classrooms, offices, computers, and phones throughout the four counties. It will provide a cost effective long term solution to the shortcomings of the aging Kirtland/C.O.O.R. interactive TV system, bring internet connection to every computer within our network, reduce long distance telephone costs, and literally bring the world to our classrooms.

The general fund operating budget for technology planned for this and next year will place a networked computer in each classroom and computer labs in our elementary schools. The bond issue construction project will fund computers for all classrooms in the AuSable Primary and a high school autocad lab and publications lab. With those instructional tools available, our students will be ready for the jobs, continuing education, and life skill requirements of the 21st Century.

It is important that you are aware of a threat to the general fund operating budget. A pending Michigan Supreme Court decision on prefunding Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System health insurance premiums could wipe out two thirds of our planned technology budget. It would be disappointing if we are unable to complete our aggressive and farsighted plan due to the erosion of our revenues caused by a court decision. It was a calculated decision made by the Michigan Legislature two years ago to shift responsibility for funding retirement to local districts.

They were aware at the time that increases in retirement costs could offset increases in funding from Proposal "A."

Development of a new strategic plan:

We should be proud of our accomplishments during the first four years of this current five year plan identified through the 1991-1992 strategic planning process. We need to celebrate that success! The board, administration, staff, parents, students and community should congratulate themselves on their efforts. We do provide "quality education in the heart of the north." With success fresh in our minds, it is time to begin a new round of strategic planning.

A 35 member strategic planning committee will soon be appointed to spend two intense days outlining a new strategic plan which will lead to a new five year plan to be adopted by the board during the next school year. The committee will include representation from business and industry, local organizations, parents, students, employee groups, administration and the board of education. The committee will meet March 21 and 22 to review the mission and position of the district, the organizational structure of the district, decision making and empowerment, and internal and external communications. The committee will review the current plan and develop a new plan to govern district direction for the next five years. Each district building will then conduct its own strategic planning activity. Action planning teams will be appointed to address the goals and strategies identified through the district and building planning process. The product of the action planning teams will form the foundation for a district improvement plan and a school improvement plan for each building.

It is important that the plan address the organizational process for decision making within the district. As we

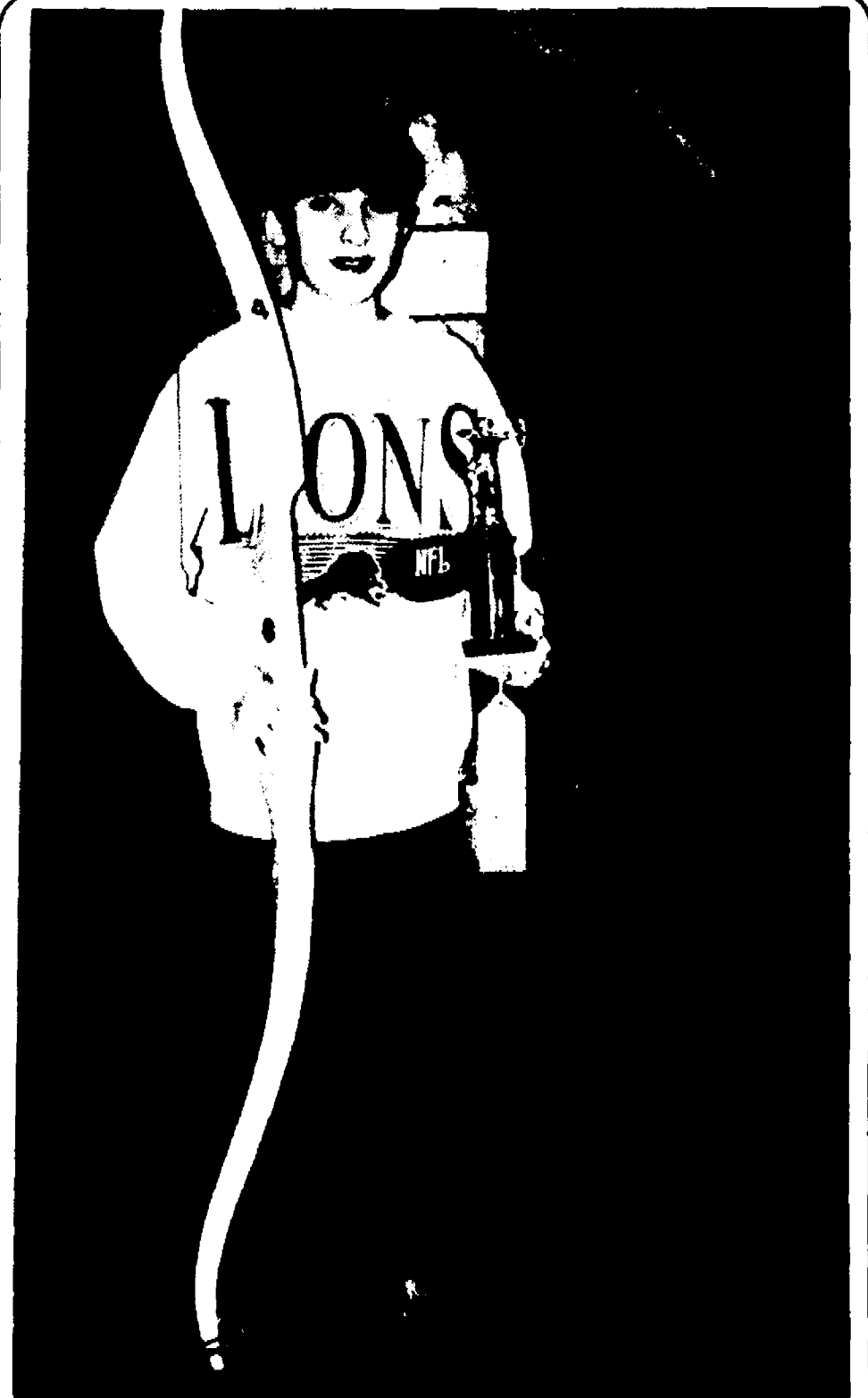
complete the second year under the new formula for funding schools in Michigan following the adoption of Proposal "A", it is apparent that it will not provide the funding increases originally projected by the legislature. We must clarify the parameters and decision making process to get maximum impact from our limited resources. The plan must address continued instructional improvement with the stability brought by adequate space. A high priority must be given to methods for inviting more community, parent and student involvement in decision making and in the educational process.

The strategic planning process will satisfy the requirements of the State of Michigan and also the North Central Association for accreditation. Integrating the district and building planning process will ensure a coordinated effort for school improvement; a plan to take us into the next century.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, there is excitement in the educational process everywhere you look in the Crawford AuSable School District. The current construction project is bringing much needed quality space and the technology to bring us into the next century. Our organizational plan based on site based decision making is a model for development of ownership in our programs. Our instructional programs employ research based methods and organization. Our planning process is effective, providing direction to bring us into the next century. Our staff is dedicated, qualified, and committed to kids: they are simply outstanding! We are learning to live with Proposal "A". The Crawford AuSable School District will be an exciting place to be as the next century arrives. Let us continue to work together to provide "quality education in the heart of the north!"

SECTION SPORTS



A NATURAL? OR JUST BEGINNER'S LUCK? -- Scott Bearss, 12, of Grayling was the only one, out of 43 students, who was able to shoot a perfect archery score during the Bear's Bowman Archery Club's first session of lessons. Bearss is the son of Michael and Linda Bearss of Grayling.



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Netters finish third in league standings

The Grayling Volleyball team secured third in the league with wins over Onaway and Alcona in the conference meet held Friday, Feb. 23 in Onaway.

Rogers City took first place in the conference with a 19-1 record, Whittemore-Prentiss came in second with a 13-7 record. Grayling was in third with a 10-10 record. In fourth was Onaway with a 5-15 record and Alcona came in with a 1-19 record.

The Grayling Vikings played well against the tough Rogers City Hurons team with long rallies and varied attacks.

In the first match against Whittemore-Prentiss, the Vikings missed a lot of scoring opportunities with inconsistent serving. Grayling also struggled with serve reception early, which gave the Cardinals large leads. The Vikings were kept on the defense, preventing their dominant attacks from being showcased.

The Vikings came back in the next two matches to serve and attack well, taking a 4-game sweep to head into the match against Rogers City.

"We knew we had to beat Onaway and Alcona to maintain third and have a chance for more," said Coach Rebecca Brown. "We needed to take three of the four games with Rogers and Whittemore to advance in league standings."

"I was glad to see the girls come back after a slow start. Even though we didn't win against Rogers, it was fun and exciting to see the team rally," said Coach Brown. "We put up a strong effort against Rogers and they had a tough time handling our front line. Trisha Ormsbee, Monica Lawrence, Brooke Blaauw and Amy Neal hit very well. Neal, Blaauw and Jessica St. Germain denied a lot of Huron spikes with great blocking. Vicki

Creps, Jessica Waite and St. Germain cupped effectively, which helped keep the transitions between defense and offense moving at a good rate.

"We had valuable contributions during the day by Jennifer Wejrowski in the front row," said Brown. "Rebecca Shahan and Erin Smith also came in and got the job done on serving."

"We didn't reach all of the goals we set for the tournament, but we did do some really positive things," she said.

The Vikings have a week to prepare for district play on Saturday, March 2, in Gaylord. Grayling drew a bye in the first round and will play the winner, either Petoskey or Kalkaska, in round two.

If Grayling wins round two, they would then play the winner of the

Gaylord/Cheyboygan match.

"I think Petoskey and Gaylord have the most pre-district pressure," said Brown. "Petoskey because they won last year's district and Gaylord because they are hosting and have had a good year in the Huron Shores Conference, losing only to Rudyard, I believe," said Brown.

"Don't count Grayling out," she said. "We have wins against Gaylord and Petoskey under our belt and I believe we have an impressive arsenal with our talented team. We also have six seniors on the team and seniors have a uniquely powerful incentive to keep a season going in a sport they love."

The statistics from the league tournament were as follows:

Amy Neal — 15 blocks, six sets, 24 spikes, 2 tips, 18 serves and 67 passes.

Brooke Blaauw — 10 blocks, 33 spikes, 22 tips, 18 serves and 73 passes.
Erin Smith — five serves and eight passes.

Jennifer Wejrowski — two sets, seven spikes, three tips and 14 passes.

Jessica Waite — two sets, five spikes, one tip, nine serves and 34 passes.

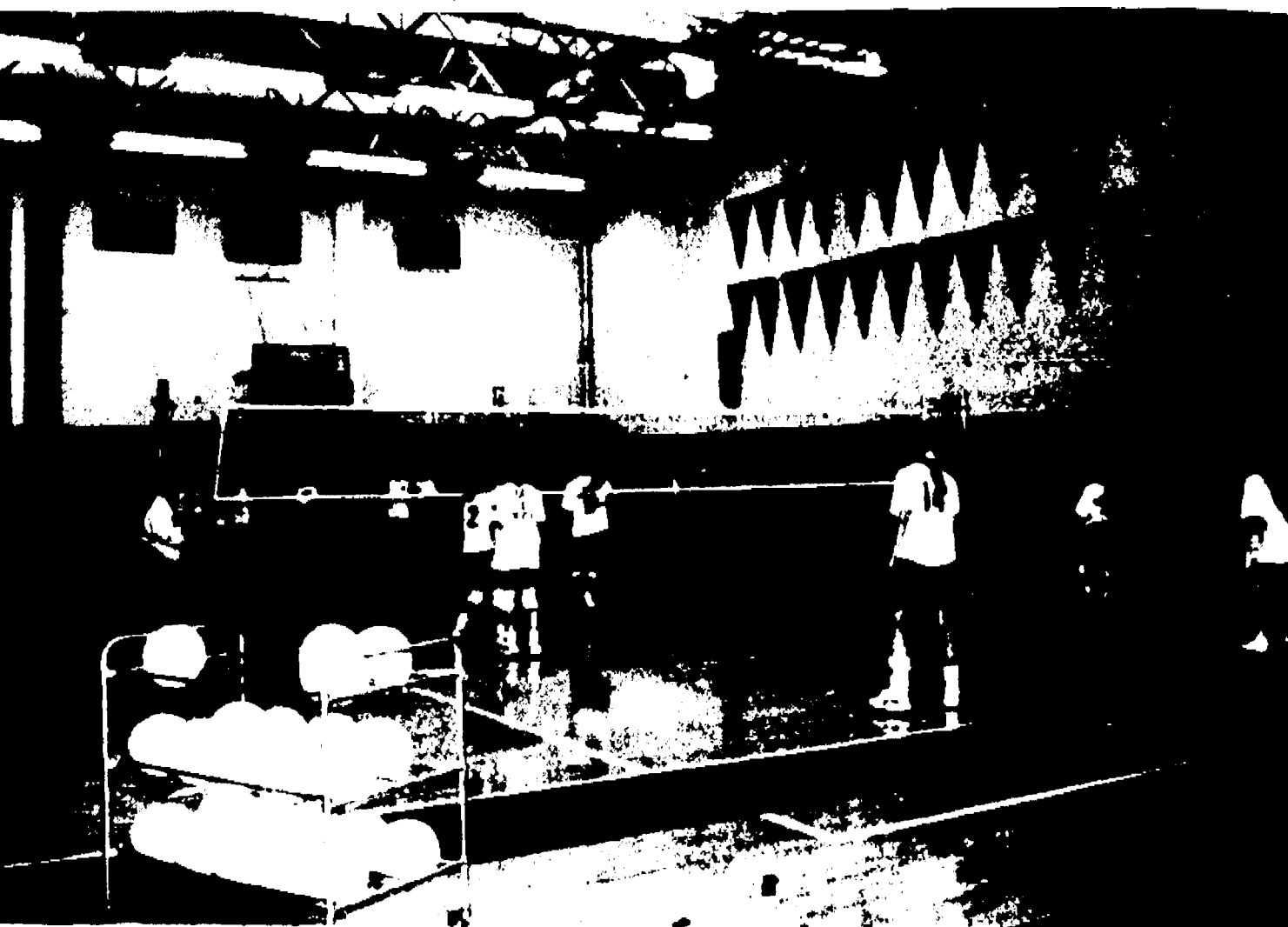
Monica Lawrence — one set, 20 spikes, seven tips, 22 serves and 70 passes.

Rebecca Shahan — one serve and three passes.

Jessica St. Germain — seven blocks, 93 sets, 10 spikes, 12 tips, 24 serves and 31 passes.

Trisha Ormsbee — 24 spikes, three tips, five serves and 39 passes.

Vicki Creps — 107 sets, six spikes, nine tips, 34 serves and 50 passes.



The Viking volleyball team during a recent practice.

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Viking skiers win at Hanson Hills meet

Victory was just down the hill for the members of the girls and boys ski teams on Thursday, Feb. 15. Both teams won their part of the ski meet held at Hanson Hills.

The Grayling Burger King has annually sponsored the meet, purchasing souvenir racing bibs and medals. Despite rain and recent warm temperatures, the staff at Hanson Hills did a great job with the hills.

The final scores for the girls were Grayling, 30; Bellaire, 67; and Kalkaska, 76. The boys final scores were Grayling, 35; Bellaire, 54 and Kalkaska, 85.

The girls competition was won by state finalist Andrea Acker who placed first in both races. The top Grayling skier was Erin Welke with a second place finish in both the slalom and the giant slalom. Kim Hartman placed fourth in both events. Jessica Wyss came in third in the slalom and fifth in the giant slalom. Jennifer Jurkovich placed seventh and eighth. Katie Olson finished third in the giant slalom, but was disqualified in the slalom after losing a ski. Kristen Kearney placed seventh in the giant slalom and Brooke Ginter finished out of the team places with an eighth in the slalom out of 18 competitors.

In the boys competition, three state finalists were at the meet, two from Bellaire and Ryan Schlehuber of Grayling.

The boys team won once again with the depth of six races. All of the Grayling boys figured in team placement.

The top racer was Ryan Schlehuber with a third place finish in both events. Travis Hopp placed first in the giant slalom and ninth in the slalom, despite a fall on his first run. Colin Hunter was fourth in the slalom and seventh in the giant slalom. Eric Thompson finished sixth in both races. Jason Steele placed fourth in the giant slalom and fell in the slalom, finishing 15th. Josh Mueller was ninth in both events.

The girls team finished the season winning 47 races and losing 41 in 11 meets, for a 53 percent winning percentage. Erin Welke and Jessica Wyss, the two senior girls, figured in team results 95 percent of their races for a great team effort.

In the boys competition the Vikings won 69 percent of their races winning 62 and losing 28 races in their 11 meets. The top racer was senior Ryan Schlehuber, figuring in team placement in 91 percent of his races. Schlehuber also placed first on the team in 18 of his 22 competitions.

Holiday Inn Viking of the week



Volleyball

Jess St. Germain

Viking junior Jessica St. Germain earned top honors this week for providing all around strength in all aspects of serving, passing, blocking and setting.

GMS wrestling team wins awards

The Grayling Middle School wrestling team attended the Ogemaw Wrestling tournament in West Branch on Saturday, Feb. 24.

In the 11-12-year-old age category, Eric Hunter placed first at 65 pounds; Christ Peters captured first at heavyweight, and Shawn Ferrigan was second at heavyweight.

In the 13-14 age category, Matt Evon placed first at 85 pounds, Josh Niederer was first at 107 pounds, and Victor CdeBaca gained a second-place at 122 pounds.



SECTION SPORTS

Viking wrestlers place 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th

Kniss is regional champion

All advance to state finals

Four Viking wrestlers are on their way to Battle Creek to vie for individual state championships in their respective weight classes. Last week, the four all won district titles.

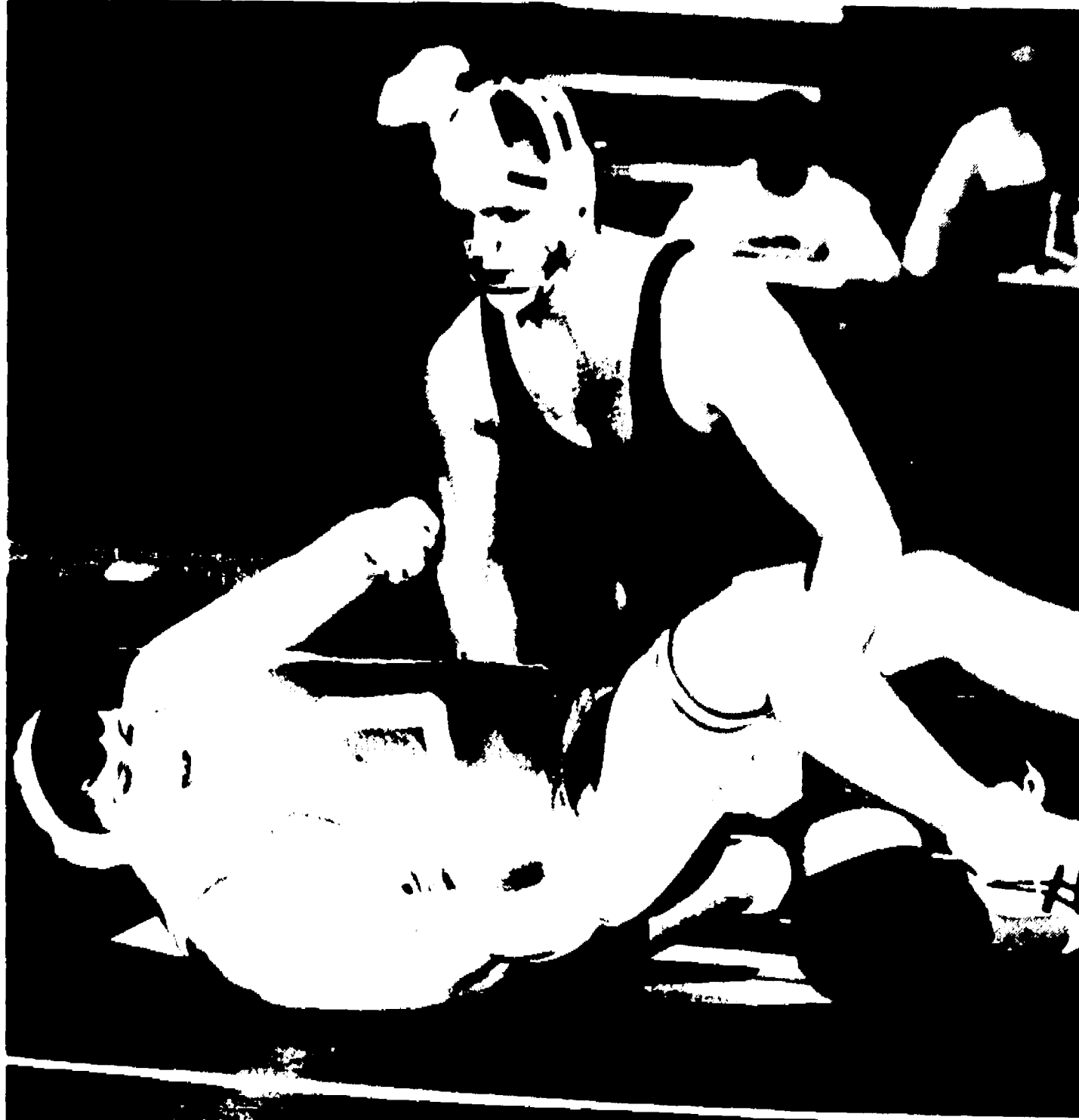
Dale Kniss, 215-pound senior, breezed through the regular season with only one loss, pinned all his opponents in the conference and district championships, and has now won a regional championship.

Enroute to his regional crown in Alma on Saturday, Feb. 24, Kniss pinned opponents from Grant and Howard City, before winning a 7-2 decision over Josh Wilkins of Bullock Creek. Kniss' overall record now stands at 44 wins against just one loss.

Junior Jason Hall came home from the regional tournament with a second-place award. Hall, wrestling at 135 pounds, beat opponents from Whitehall and Muskegon Orchard View, before losing to Fred Faysal of Big Rapids. Hall's overall record is 34-8.

Sophomore Ben Malonen placed third at Alma in the 130-pound weight division, defeating opponents from Muskegon Orchard View, Shepherd and Big Rapids, then losing an overtime decision to Kyle Kregar of Spring Lake. Malonen will take a 40-12 record and a conference championship into the state finals.

Placing fourth from Grayling, was



REGIONAL CHAMPION--Viking senior Dale Kniss slams his opponent to the mat in a recent match. Kniss is a 1996 conference, district and regional champion. He will be taking his talents to the state finals in Battle Creek on Friday and Saturday, March 8-9.

125-pound Eddy Davis. Davis beat opponents from Howard City and Sanford-Meridian, but lost matches to opponents Tim DeLeon from Spring Lake, and Matt Gillison of Benzie Central. Davis' conference and regional championship record stands at 40-7.

State finals will be held on Friday

and Saturday, March 8-9, in Battle Creek.

Viking Coach Don Ferguson said he is very proud of his four state qualifiers, but declined to predict whether there is a state champion in the group. "They've all come a long way this year, and if they wrestle up to

their potential, they could all do very well at state finals."

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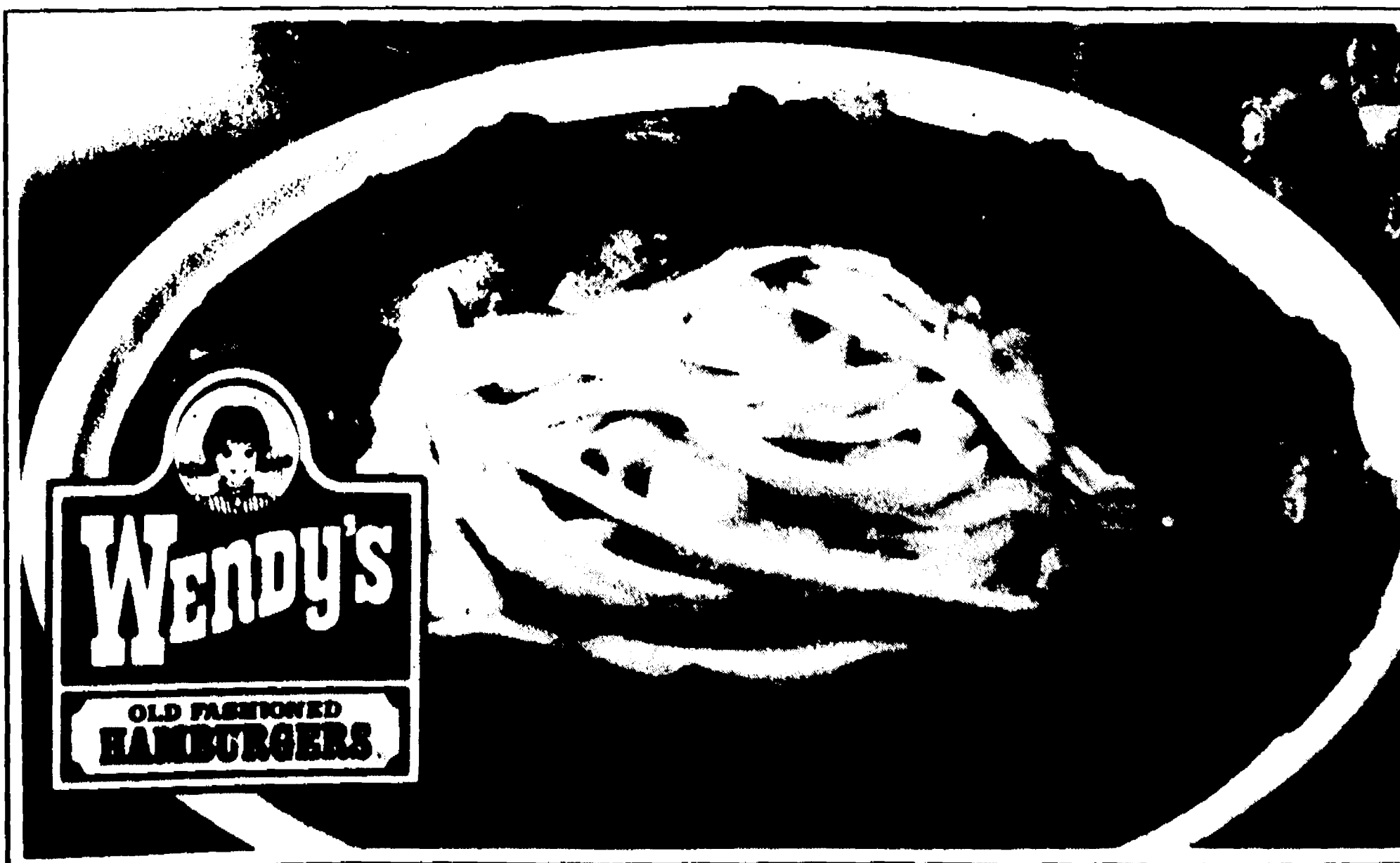
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Seventh grade b-ball finishes with 9-2 and 10-1 records

The seventh grade boys' basketball white team started the season with two tough losses, one by three and the

other by two points. From that point on, the team won the last seven regular-season games for a 7-2 regular-season record.

On Feb. 14, the Vikings traveled to Roscommon and defeated the Harrison Hornets 34-22, in the first game of Roscommon's middle school tournament.

On Feb. 15, the Vikings defeated the Houghton Lake Bobcats 27-18, to take the first-place trophy.

The team of Max Schriener, Kyle Langseth, Andrew Brooks, Ryan Mahaffy, Joel Cummings, Nick Baynham, Cameron McClain, Justin Manier, John McNamara, Steve Roshy, Sean Mitchell, Ryan

Richardson, Dan Mead, Marcus Marlick, managers Brandi Ritter and Jayme Potter, and Coach Mark Hartman, finished with a record of 9-2 overall.

The seventh grade green basketball team recently completed a very successful season. The team finished with a 10-1 overall record, and won the Houghton Lake tournament. The team beat Harrison in the first game, 33-20, and then defeated Houghton Lake, 46-38, for the championship.

The team played well throughout the year, and all players improved their skill level. Every game, Grayling out-hustled its opponents and played together as a team. Top scorers were

Brad Gorski, Josh Petrie and Justin Neuberger. Top rebounders were Petrie, Neuberger, Chris Youngblood and Levi Burkett. Top defenders were Burkett and Gorski.

Other players that made strong contributions throughout the season were Nate Everson, Dan Hall, Marc Bobenmoyer, Jory Harland, Mike D'Amour, Victor CdeBaca, Alfred Borchers and Josh Quintano. The players' work ethic also carried over to the classroom where 10 of the 13 members made the honor roll last marking period.

Spring soccer set

It's time to start thinking about spring soccer. There has been a great deal of interest in the middle school and high school teams, that are part of the Northern Michigan Soccer Alliance.

On Thursday, March 7, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School cafeteria, there will be an informational meeting to answer any questions, and to register new players. This registration is for sixth, seventh and eighth grade middle school students, both boys and girls. Parents and players should attend this meeting. This is the only night we will be taking registration.

For additional information about this meeting, contact Steve or Karen Langseth at 348-2019.

Bears Bowmen holding Sunday night league

The Bears Bowman Club started a new league on Sunday Feb. 25, and will run every Sunday night beginning at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

A great day of fishing!



BIGGEST CATCH OF HIS LIFE -- Sixth grader Eric Hart (R) of Grayling, caught this 30-inch, 10-pound lake trout out of Higgins Lake on Monday, Feb. 19.

Hart was ice fishing with his uncle, Ron Rakoczy, and cousin, Jordan (L).

In addition to the hefty lake trout, Hart reeled in a 5-pound white fish, which he is pictured with at left.

The high winds and cold temperatures were unable to keep the smile off of Hart's face as he reeled in his catch of the day.



Quality Matters at Mercy Health Services North

Grayling Mercy Hospital announces the development of **Mercy Obstetrical Services**, a comprehensive approach to women's health services in our area. A newly recruited physician, David LaGattuta, M.D. will assume leadership for Mercy Obstetrical Services on July 1, 1996. Dr. LaGattuta is completing his residency at Ohio State University. He brings to our community a commitment to serve women of all ages, in keeping with the mission and values of Mercy.

Mercy obstetrician Sangkyu Shin, M.D., will focus his medical practice on gynecology, including primary care and women's health services. Dr. Shin is accepting new obstetrical patients in anticipation of Dr. LaGattuta's arrival.

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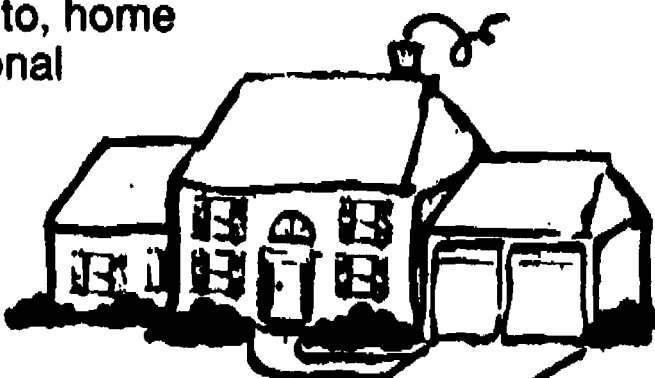
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LEGAL ACTION

Grayling Township Board Regular Meeting Feb. 13, 1996

Members Present: John Medler, Lynette Corlew, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Arnold Stancil. Members absent: None. Others present: Andy Perrin, Renee Meehan, Phil Allen, Sarah Amman, Shirley Reniger, Henry Reniger, William Collias. Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Stancil.

Motion by O'Mara, support by Corlew, to approve minutes of Jan. 9, 1996 Regular Meeting and minutes of Jan. 11, 1996 Special Meeting of the Township Board and Planning Commission. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's report for January 1996 was read and placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE: (No action required)
Crawford AuSable School District Board Happenings, 1-15-96; Grayling Recreation Authority 1-16-96 thank you letter for donations; Mich. National Resources Trust Fund, 12-95 Board Minutes; S.T.L.N.G. Annual Activity Report, Crawford Co. Board of Commissioners 1-9-96 and 1-23-96 Minutes; Crawford Emergency Central Dispatch, 1995 Activity Report and 1-96 Activity Report; School Matters, 1-96, Grayling Recreation Authority 12-20-95 Board Minutes.

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Morrison gives K of C 'inside' scoop on TV news

T.V. 9 & 10's Dee Morrison was the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club of Grayling's January 8th meeting.

Morrison gave the club the "inside information" on what it was like to be a television reporter. Besides working all hours of the day and night, Morrison told the club that most of the time she had to do her own camera work as well. She added that it was a very rewarding job.

Program Chairman John Smock said

Morrison was a joy to have as a speaker. "Besides being one of my favorite news reporters, Dee was very pleasant and has a very good sense of humor as well," Smock said. "T.V. 9 & 10 can be very proud of her."

Morrison also toured the ROOC workshop and COOR intermediate school district. She recently did a special report on the ROOC workshop, which was seen recently on the 6 O'clock news.



TV 9 & 10's Dee Morrison (C) receives a certificate of appreciation from Kiwanis Club Program Chairman John Smock (L) as Kiwanis President Howard Grosser looks on.



SPELLING WHIZ — Krystan Bazzett is shown receiving the Championship Trophy of the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee, Diocesan Level. On February 4, Krystan traveled to Auburn to participate in the K of C State Spelling Bee finals. She was successful through 32 rounds, finishing eighth place among 18 of Michigan's top spellers.

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LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE

As of Thursday, February 22, 1996, at 6 am, The Road Commission For Crawford County has put on weight restrictions for travel on all primary and local roads.

At a minimum, commercial haulers are expected to comply with the Michigan Department of Transportation Standard, which is load reductions of 35%.

In the event of a quick thaw, lesser loads may be required. Please contact Judy Boyd at the Road Commission (517) 348-2281, should you be a hauler with a specific question about restricted roads.

This notice is being issued in coordination and cooperation with area road commissions.

James Briney
Managing Director

MEDICARE NOTICE TO PUBLIC

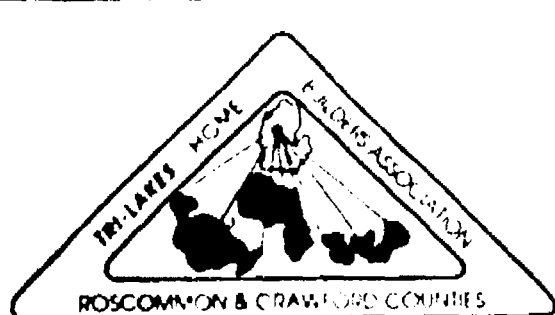
Notice is hereby given that on March 14, 1996, the agreement between the Secretary of Health and Human Services and Hilltop Manor Health Care Center, as a provider of skilled nursing services in the Medicare/Medicaid program will be terminated.

The Health Care Financing Administration has determined that Hilltop Manor Health Care Center is not in compliance with the following Medicare requirements for a skilled nursing facility:

- 42 CFR 483.20(b) Comprehensive Assessments (F272)
- 42 CFR 483.20(d) Comprehensive Care Plans (F279)
- 42 CFR 483.20(e)(3) Discharge Summary (F284)
- 42 CFR 483.25 Quality of Care (F309)
- 42 CFR 483.25(c) Pressure Sores (F314)
- 42 CFR 483.25(d)(2) Urinary Incontinence (F319)
- 42 CFR 483.25(f)(1) Mental and Psychosocial Functioning (F319)
- 42 CFR 483.25(h)(1) Accidents (F323)
- 42 CFR 483.25(i)(1) Nutrition (F325)

The Medicare program will not make payment for services furnished to patients admitted on or after March 6, 1996, the date mandatory denial of payment for new admissions will be imposed. For residents admitted prior to March 6, 1996, payment may continue to be made for up to 30 days of services on or after March 14, 1996, the date of termination.

Gwendolyn Michel
Branch Chief
Survey and Certification Branch
Division of Health Standards and Quality



The 7th Annual TRI-LAKES HOME SHOW

MARCH 23-24, 1996

Houghton Lake High School

March 23 (Sat.) - 10 am-6 pm

March 24 (Sun.) - 11 am-4 pm

\$1.00 "Entry Donation"
(For Adults Only)

All "Entry Donations" are being used
for our scholarship program available
at all three area high schools

More Than 50 Booths of
Home Improvement Exhibitors

Sponsored by the Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association

Our Special Guest this year:
Dynamite

the
circus
clown



Host of
FOX 33 T.V.
Kid's Club Show

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST

Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its Organizational Meeting on March 5, 1996, at 9 am.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on the following dates & times:

March 11, 1996 - 9 am to 12 noon & 1-4 pm
March 13, 1996 - 1-4 pm & 5-8 pm

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Mark Kniss
Supervisor

NOTICE

A public meeting has been scheduled to take comments on the issue of relicensing the City Environmental Services, Inc. of Waters Type II Landfill in Crawford County. The meeting will be held March 6, 1996, at 7 pm at the Hartwick Pines State Park Visitor's Center Auditorium, 2833 Monarch Drive, Grayling, Michigan 49738. An application has been received, and is currently under review at the Grayling District Office, 1955 North I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, Michigan 49738. The deadline for Department of Environmental Quality action on the application is April 17, 1996.

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NOTICE

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, on the following dates.

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 5th at 7 pm.

To Meet with Taxpayers:

Monday, March 11, 9 am to 12 noon and 1 to 4 pm.
Thursday & Friday, March 14 and 15 at 6 to 9 pm.

| CLASS | TENTATIVE RATIO | FACTOR |
|--------------|-----------------|---------|
| AGRICULTURAL | 50.00 | 1.00000 |
| COMMERCIAL | 50.00 | 1.00000 |
| INDUSTRIAL | 50.00 | 1.00000 |
| RESIDENTIAL | 50.00 | 1.00000 |

-15-22-29

Mary M. Mollon, Clerk

SYNOPSIS

Beaver Creek Township Special Board Meeting Feb. 7, 1996

A special meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. on Feb. 7, 1996 with all board members present. The purpose of the meeting was to decide on insurance coverage for the township for the coming year. McGregormoves we accept insurance bid from current carrier. Michigan Township Participating Plan in the amount of \$7,950 with 80% co-insurance being waived and policy be written for period of one year. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE BY SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Promissory Note and Mortgage made on the date of May 24, 1995 by John L. Walkley, a single man, as mortgagor, to David A. Crutchank and Betty M. Crutchank, husband and wife, of Grayling, Michigan, as Lender said Mortgage being recorded June 16, 1995 at Liber 395 Page 408-409, in the office of the Register of Deed for Crawford County, Michigan, upon which note there is claim to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice the sum of Twenty-One Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Sixty-Four Cents (\$21,535.64), plus accrued interest at the rate of Ten Percent (10%), late fees and other allowable costs including reasonable attorney fees, real property taxes and insurance;

Further, no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgages and the power of sale being contained in said mortgage having become operative by reason of such default;

NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of March, 1996 at 10:00 in the forenoon at the main front door of the Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for said County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said promissory notes with interest thereon at the rate of Ten (10%) Percent, together with legal costs and charges of sale, provided by law and in said promissory notes and mortgages. The land and the premises described in said mortgage are located in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Township of Grayling, and further described as follows:

The West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of sale. The property may be redeemed by paying the amount bid at the sale, plus interest at the rate of Ten (10%) Percent, and any fees, taxes or other unpaid encumbrances on the property from the date of the sale.

The property shall be offered for sale in parcels or in total.

CAREY & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

By: William L. Carey (P31602)

Attorney for David A.

And Betty M. Crutchank

2375 S. I-75 Business loop,

PO Drawer 665

Grayling, MI 49738

(517) 348-5232

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NOTICE

TAXPAYERS OF FREDERIC TOWNSHIP

The Frederic Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 7564 Kelly Ave., Frederic, MI on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 9 am
To meet with taxpayers: Monday, March 11, 9 am - 3 pm
Saturday, March 16, 9 am - 3 pm.

| CLASS | RATIO | FACTOR |
|--------------|-------|--------|
| Agricultural | 50.00 | 1.0000 |
| Commercial | 48.73 | 1.0261 |
| Industrial | 50.00 | 1.0000 |
| Residential | 46.70 | 1.0707 |

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Brian Hulbert, Supervisor

NOTICE

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Townships Board of review will hold and organizational meeting on Monday, March 4, 1996, at 10 am at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Telephone: (517) 348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9 am Monday, March 11, 1996, until 12 noon and 1 to 4 pm. They will meet again with taxpayers on Tuesday, March 12, 1996, during the same hours. Petitioners will be received on a "first-come-first-served" basis.

Arnold Stancil, Supervisor
Monica Ashton, Clerk

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NOTICE

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW/BUDGET HEARING

The Lovells Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 1996, from 9 am to 12 noon.

The board will meet with taxpayers on Monday, March 11 and Tuesday, March 12, 1996, from 9 am to 12 noon and 1-4 pm at the Lovells Township Hall.

The following are the tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township.

| CLASS | RATIO | FACTOR |
|--------------|-------|--------|
| AGRICULTURAL | 50.00 | 1.0000 |
| COMMERCIAL | 43.28 | 2.3108 |
| RESIDENTIAL | 50.00 | 1.0000 |
| PERSONAL | 50.00 | 1.0000 |

The budget hearing for the General Fund, Fire Fund, Landfill Fund, Liquor Fund and Library Fund Budgets for fiscal year 1996-97 will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lovells Township Board on Tuesday, March 12, 1996, at 7 pm.

Frederic Schaibly
Lovells Township Supervisor

-22-29

NOTICE

NORDIC ELECTRIC, L.L.C.

NON EXCLUSIVE ELECTRIC FRANCHISE ORDINANCE Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NUMBER 13

An ordinance granting to Nordic Electric, L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, its successors and assigns, the nonexclusive right, to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical appliance on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public place, and to do a local electric business in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan for a period of thirty (30) years.

The Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Section 1. **GRANT TERM.** The Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, State of Michigan, (hereinafter called "Grantor"), hereby grants to Nordic Electric, L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, its successors and assigns, (hereinafter called "Grantee") the nonexclusive right, to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical appliances on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places over which Grantor has jurisdiction and to do a local electric business in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan for a period of thirty (30) years.

Section 2. **CONSIDERATION.** In consideration of limited rights, hereby granted, said Grantee shall faithfully perform all things required by the terms hereof. Grantee shall not infringe upon the rights of any property owner within the Township nor shall it commence any activity without the approval of the appropriate entity having jurisdiction over same.

Section 3. **CONDITIONS.** No street, alley, bridge, highway or other public place used by said Grantee shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work of construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when said work was commenced. All of Grantee's structures and equipment shall be so placed on either side of the highways as not to unnecessarily interfere with the use thereof for highway purposes. All of Grantee's wires carrying electricity shall be securely fastened so as not to endanger or injure persons or property in said highways. The Grantee shall have the right to trim trees if necessary in the construction of such business, subject, however, to the supervision of property owner or entity having jurisdiction over same.

Section 4. **HOLD HARMLESS.** Grantee shall at all times keep and save the Township free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction, maintenance or operation of the structures and equipment hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Township on account of the permission herein granted, said Grantee shall, upon notice, defend the Township and save it free and harmless from all loss, cost and damage arising out of such negligent construction, maintenance and operation.

Section 5. **FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE.** The limited rights, herein granted are not exclusive. The right to do electric business hereunder are several, and such rights may be separately exercised, owned and transferred.

Section 6. **EXTENSIONS.** Grantee shall from time to time extend its gas and electric systems to and within said Township, and shall furnish gas or electricity to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Section 7. **RATES.** Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said Township for electricity furnished therein, the rate as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission, to which Commission or its successors authority and jurisdiction to fix and regulate electric rates and rules regulating such service in said Township, are hereby granted. Such rates and rules shall be subject to review and change at any time upon petition therefor being made by either said Township acting by its Township Board, or by said Grantee.

Section 8. **REVOCATION.** The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by the party desiring such revocation.

Section 9. **TOWNSHIP JURISDICTION.** Grantee shall be and remain subject to all ordinances, rules and regulations of the Township now in effect, or which might subsequently be adopted for the regulation of land uses or for the protection of the health, safety and general welfare of the public; provided however that nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver by Grantee of any of its existing or future rights under state or federal law. Grantee further understands that Grantor has no jurisdiction over county roads and right-of-ways or state highways and right-of-ways within its borders nor does it have or enforce a Township Zoning Ordinance and Grantee accepts the limits of this grant of franchise.

Section 10. **MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JURISDICTION.** Grantee shall, as to all other conditions and elements of electrical service, not herein fixed, be and remain subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or its successors, applicable electric service in said Township.

Section 11. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect upon the day after the date of publication thereof, provided however, it shall cease and be of no effect after thirty (30) days from its adoption unless within said period the Grantee shall accept the same in writing filed with the Township Clerk. Upon acceptance and publication hereof, this ordinance shall constitute a contract between Grantor and Grantee.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

Ayes: McGregor, Schultes, McDonough, Mobarak. Nays: 0. Date passed: February 12, 1996.

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NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the city clerk, City Hall, 103 E. James Street, Grayling, Michigan until 10 am E.S.T., Wednesday, March 6, 1996, for the 1996 Street Improvement Project (sidewalks).

The approximate quantities of the major items in are as follows:

| | | |
|------------------------|--------|-----|
| Sidewalk Removal | 4,922 | SYD |
| 4" Concrete Sidewalk | 63,190 | SFT |
| 6" Concrete Sidewalk | 11,159 | SFT |
| Concrete Curb & Gutter | 588 | LFT |

A certified check, cashiers check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid must accompany each proposal.

The contract documents may be examined at the following locations:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| City Manager's Office | Grayling, Michigan |
| Richards & Associates, Inc. | Traverse City, Michigan |
| Builders & Traders Exchange | Traverse City & Saginaw, Michigan |
| F.W. Dodge | Lansing & Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| Construction Assoc. of MI | Detroit, Michigan |

Copies of the contract documents may be obtained at the office of Richards & Associates, Inc., 1783 Barlow, Traverse City, Michigan 49686. A non-refundable fee of \$15 will be required for each set of contract documents.

The owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive irregularities in any bid and to accept the bid they deem in the best interest if the City of Grayling. No contractor may withdraw his bid for a period of thirty days after the opening of the bids.

February 14, 1996

CITY OF GRAYLING
Jerry W. Morford
Manager - Clerk

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NOTICE

NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD

MEETING SCHEDULE - REVISED

1996

| DATE | STARTING TIME | PLACE |
|--------------|---------------|--|
| March 21 | 7 pm | ROOC, Inc., Pioneer Hills 11051 N. Cut Road, Roscommon |
| April 18 | 7 pm | North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling |
| May 16 | 7 pm | North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac |
| June 20 | 7 pm | North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake |
| July 18 | 7 pm | North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling |
| August 15 | 7 pm | North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac |
| September 19 | 7 pm | North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake |
| October 17 | 7 pm | North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling |
| November 21 | 7 pm | North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac |
| December 19 | 7 pm | North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Cadillac |

All Board Meetings are open to the Public.

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FACTS AND FEATURES

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast For: Feb. 25 - March 2, 1996

- ARIES**
March 21-April 19
The time is right to re-invest. What you touch turns to gold. Good time to make a monumental decision.
- TAURUS**
April 20 - May 20
Don't allow anyone to dominate you. Stand up for yourself; if you don't, no one else will.
- GEMINI**
May 21 - June20
Showcase your talents by allowing VIP's to watch you at work. Intense anger surfaces. Keep it on track.
- CANCER**
June 21 - July 22
Because the unexpected can always happen, show flexibility with your family and co-workers. You will need them later.
- LEO**
July 23 - Aug 22
While one door may be closing, another has been cracked. Explore options. The answer will be found where you least expect it.
- VIRGO**
Aug 23 - Sept 22
A change in directions can bring about a different point of view. Be willing to diversify.
- LIBRA**
Sept 23 - Oct 22
Recognition and fleeting fame is yours. Bask in the afterglow for it won't last long.
- SCORPIO**
Oct 23 - Nov 21
Good timing is all that is needed to complete your current project. Be patient and on guard.
- SAGITTARIUS**
Nov 22 - Dec 21
Romance is not in the cards. Direct your interests toward other pursuits. Your heart will thank you.
- CAPRICORN**
Dec 22 - Jan 19
Look ahead toward the future. Be a visionary. Plan for what will be, not what has been.
- AQUARIUS**
Jan 20 - Feb 18
New business venture looks favorable. Sign contracts and celebrate your good fortune.
- PISCES**
Feb 19 - March 20
If you feel you have been mistreated, go to the top for action. Don't dwell on your misfortune.



BEAGLE NEEDS A HOME--This 5- to 6-year-old, female beagle is good with kids, loveable, and knows how to beg. If you would like to give her a home, or any of the other animals at the shelter, stop by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, or give them a call at 348-4117.

PET CARE TIPS

Fleas can live on a thick-haired dog throughout the winter, says the Animal Protection Institute. After the second frost, give your dog one last flea/tick dip if necessary. At the same time, spray the kennel area and change the bedding. If it's too cold to let your dog dry outside and you can't keep her indoors to dry for 24 hours, forget the bath and instead use a good flea powder and flea comb to remove as many fleas as possible.

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS

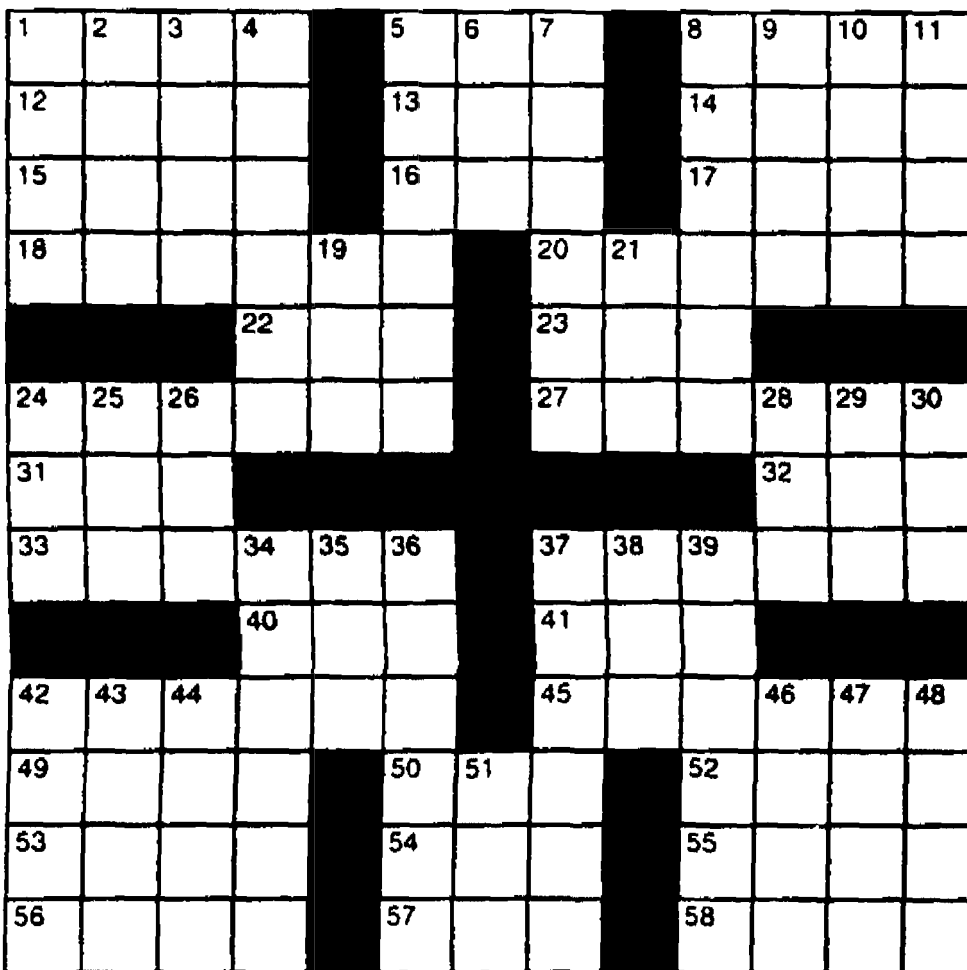
ACROSS

1. Boat
5. Preserves
8. Spanish measure
12. Concern
13. Swedish coin
14. Sheep genus
15. Girl's name
16. Regret
17. Medit. resort
18. Tried
20. More good-natured
22. Peron
23. Before
24. Unproductive
27. Sell to customer
31. Pie mode
32. Sick
33. Insist
37. Went by boat
40. Sheepfold
41. Vase
42. One by another
45. Superior
49. Sheltered
50. Grease
52. Irish
53. Clique
54. Three, It
55. Island West of Sumatra

56. Sharp to the taste
57. Dine
58. Tipster

DOWN

1. Beat it!
2. Own
3. Eye part
4. Annoy
5. Asian country
6. Indeed, Irish
7. Humbler
8. Woman's hat
9. Eager
10. "Dream Girl" playwright
11. Jacob's son
19. Night before
21. Anger
24. Ill
25. English beer
26. Batter
28. Be ill
29. Condition, suffix
30. Degree
34. Intense
35. Born
36. Degrade
37. Sublease
38. Metric measure
39. Meaning
42. Diplomacy
43. According to
44. Close
46. Three
47. Isaac's son
48. Take it easy
51. War god, Babyl.



A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 years ago Feb. 29, 1973

The acquisition of Micro-Flite, considered to be the world's largest manufacturer of precision fiberglass arrow shafts, by Bear Archery, Division Victor Comptometer Corp., Grayling, was announced by Alan E. Beatty, Bear executive vice-president. The manufacturing equipment and inventory will be moved to Grayling in the near future. Operations of the plant's present location in Costa Mesa, California, will cease March 15, and resume in Grayling on April 15.

Central Regional Postmaster Clarence Gels of Chicago, has announced the appointment of James W. Baker, as postmaster of Grayling, effective Feb. 17, 1973.

Baker has been in the Grayling Post Office since 1949, when he started as a substitute clerk. He has also served as a city carrier and in 1969, he became assistant to the postmaster, a position that he held until the retirement last of Postmaster James Post.

The board of governors of the Water Wonderland Board of Realtors selected Jeanette Kitchen of Clough Realty, Grayling, as Realtor Associate of the Year of 1972.

Lieutenant Colonel Harold R. Clingensmith of Grayling, received a gift given by officers of Michigan National Guard Headquarters from Brigadier General John M. Taylor, at his retirement dinner on Feb. 9. Colonel Clingensmith retired after 44 years of service with the Michigan National Guard.

Over 100 members and guests attended the presentation of the Charter of the Grayling Eagles Lodge Aerie 3465, at the American Legion Hall Saturday, Feb. 24.

Guest speaker for the event was William A. Hazelwood, state treasurer. Hazelwood also made the presentation of the charter to Pete Latuszek, president of the Grayling Lodge. Other officers in attendance were Ann Latuszek, Stan Woodman, Norman Parker, Terry Shepherd, Greg Ashton, Elmer Warner, John Linendoll, and trustees, Richard Ashton and Charles DeRousha.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Jensen of Grayling, are the parents of a daughter, Julie Lynn, born on Feb. 24, weighing 5 1/2 pounds.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Westers of Grayling, a son, on Feb. 26, weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

Gerald Annis of Grayling, has been elected president of the Alpha Kappa Psi fraternity chapter at Michigan

Technological University.

A special thank you goes to Marian and Bill Joseph for the donation of a set of Encyclopedia Britannica, to the Junior High Library.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer "Mud" King received word of the birth of a daughter, to their son and wife, Sgt. and Mrs. Dan R. King on Feb. 26. She was named Rebecca Lynn and weighed in at 8 pounds, 11 1/2 ounces.

Word has been received from Rev. C. F. Olin that he had the misfortune of breaking his right leg at the knee while doing some repair work on his mobile home in Florida on Feb. 2.

Earl Broadbent reports having seen a bald eagle flying low over his house Thursday afternoon.

46 years ago March 2, 1950

On Feb. 26, George Schaible celebrated his 34th anniversary with the state weather bureau.

A pipe line to carry casing-head gas from Beaver Creek oil field southwest of Grayling, to the Dow Chemical plant in Midland, has been completed and the compressor station built in the field, by the company, to flow the vented gas to Midland, will be put into operation this week, officials of the Dow Chemical Company announced.

The Grayling High Vikings are scheduled to meet the winner of the last night Hillman-Gaylord contest, tonight in the Gaylord gym in the High School District Basketball Tournament.

Twenty-two men's teams of the Grayling Bowling League rolled in city-tournament competition at Spike's Recreation last Saturday and Sunday, with Long's Coffee Shop winning with a total pinfall of 3007 pins including their handicaps.

Several cases of pollution in the AuSable River have been uncovered by members of the Grayling Sportsmens Club, it was revealed at the monthly meeting held at the Grayling Legion Hall last Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Thompson announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Joan, to Richard Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Miller, on Saturday, Feb. 25.

The pupils of Feldhauser School have organized two 4-H Clubs, one archery group under the leadership of Fred Ward, and one sewing group with Mrs. Marguerite Leslie as leader.

Several friends dropped in at the home of Mrs. Hansine Hanson last Wednesday afternoon, for coffee and to wish her a happy birthday. A family

dinner was enjoyed in the evening.

For the duration of the coal shortage, the Grayling Laundry will be closed Wednesday and Saturday. Phone calls will be taken until noon on both days.

Grayling Lodge #356 F&AM conferred the first degree on George Schailbe Jr., Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Menno Corwin entertained with three tables of canasta on Saturday evening. Frank Bond held high score for the men and Mrs. Bond for the ladies.

The Don Shepperkeys have moved into the Rasmussen apartment on Michigan Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kellogg and sons of Frederic, were Sunday guests of the former mother, Mrs. J. E. Kellogg. Good luck Elmer in your new barbershop. We sincerely hope you get a chance to clip a lot of people.

Jerry Hinkle entertained a group of his friends Sunday afternoon, in honor of his birthday.

69 years ago March 3, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Salisbury of Bay City, were in Grayling Monday to attend the affair given for L. H. Chamberlain.

Jerry Sherman purchased the soft drink and pool room business of James Post, located in the former Boeson block. This block is now owned by H. Hanson and Tony Nelson.

The Frank LaMotte family has returned to Grayling to take up their residence, having resided in Dexter the past year.

Several people within the past week have purchased old buildings from Helper and Clinkofline, and are having them removed to their property to be rebuilt into private garages.

Eddie Trudeau has resigned his position as auto mechanic for T. E. Douglas, the local Nash dealer, to go to Santa Barbara, California. R. D. Shoff has been engaged to take his place.

Wednesday evening, the Us-Ten Club was entertained at the apartment of Miss Claribel Lovely. The game of hearts was the diversion of the evening. Luanna Lutz was a guest of the club.

A daughter, Ruth Geraldine was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Golinick of Detroit, Friday, Feb. 25, at the home of Mrs. Golinick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lovely of this city.

John Cowell of the Novsky Ball Company, has placed on exhibit in the R. D. Conning Grocery Store, a handsome lot of samples of the product of that firm.

M. A. Bates received a telegram

from his son, Lt. Russel Bates, now stationed at Sandy Hook, New Jersey, saying that he has been ordered to transfer to the Philippines May 18.

The Misses Idessa King, Mildred Ostrander and Beatrice Brott took a hiking trip last Sunday afternoon, to the George Annis farm, starting back by way of Three Sister Hill. While going along this route, they saw an object in the road and took it to be a wild animal—girl fashion. They were quite frightened and turning back came home by M-14. A passing car gave them a lift to town.

The girls basketball team of G.H.S. played Boyne City Feb. 25, winning 20-22. The line up was center, Luella Tiffin; r. center, Ruth Chamberlain; r. guard, Florence Lindhau; l. guard, Martha Bidvia; r. forward, Gertrude Loskos, Libby Matson; l. forward, Azilda LaGrow.

LOCAL WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



| Date | High | Low | Precip. | Snow on ground |
|------|------|-----|---------|----------------|
| 2/21 | 43 | 18 | 0.15 | 17" |
| 2/22 | 30 | 25 | | 17" |
| 2/23 | 38 | 13 | | 17" |
| 2/24 | 37 | 20 | 0.07 | 17" |
| 2/25 | 43 | 24 | | 16" |
| 2/26 | 47 | 23 | | 15" |
| 2/27 | 31 | 20 | 0.54 | 14" |

Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Houghton Lake: Snow showers are likely on Wednesday, with the temperatures holding steady in the low 20s. Thursday calls for scattered snow showers. The highs will be in the teens to around 20, with the lows of around zero to 10 above. Friday will be dry, with the highs in the low 20s, and the lows of around zero to 10 above. Saturday calls for another chance of snow, with the highs in the 20s, and the lows in the teens.

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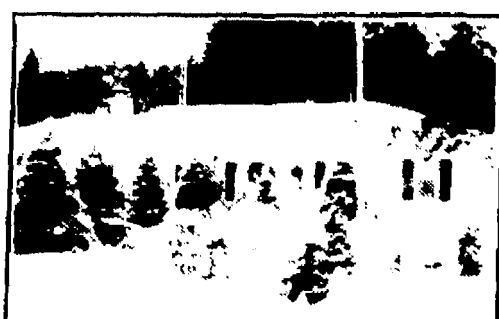


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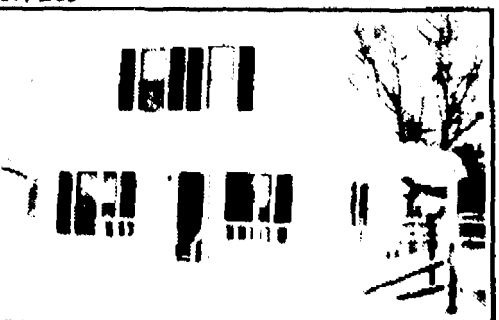
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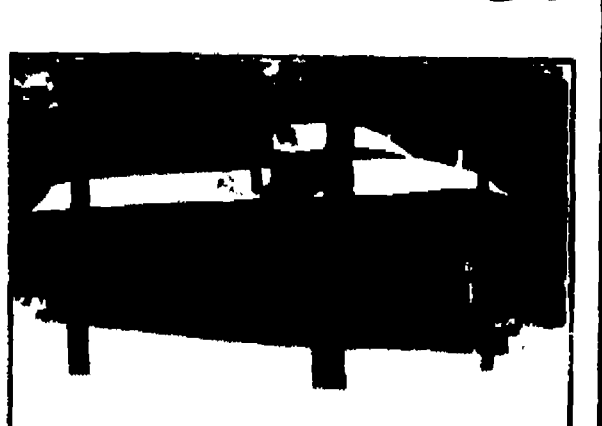
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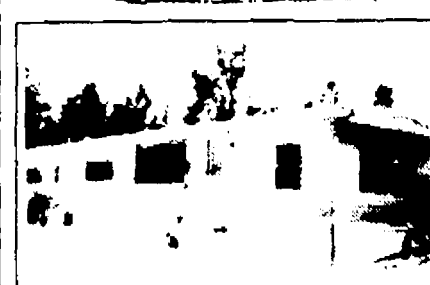
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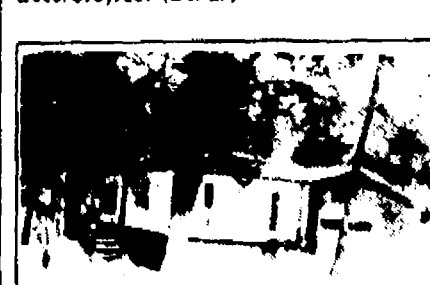
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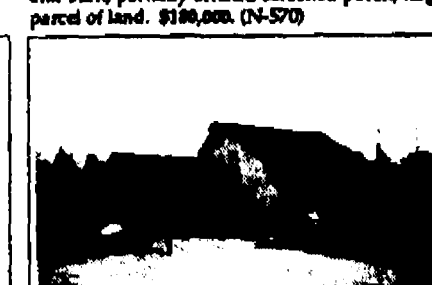
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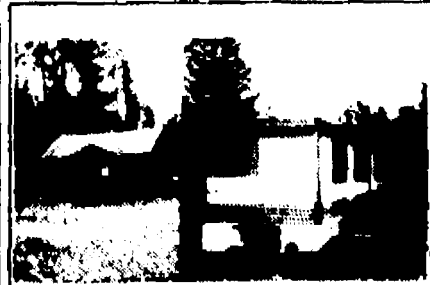
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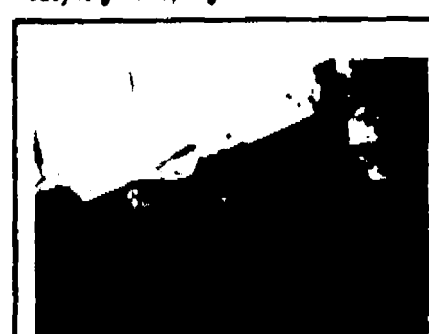
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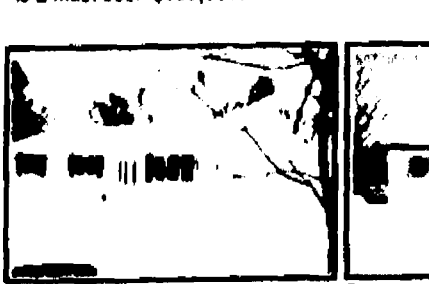
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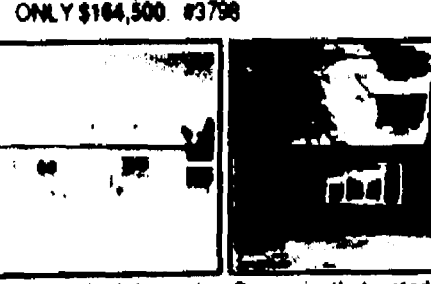


AuSable River Frontage
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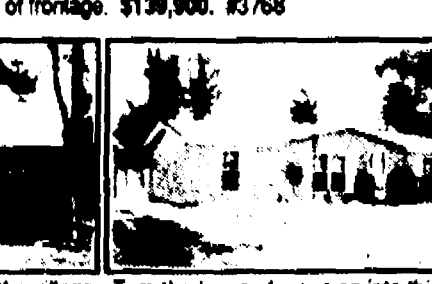
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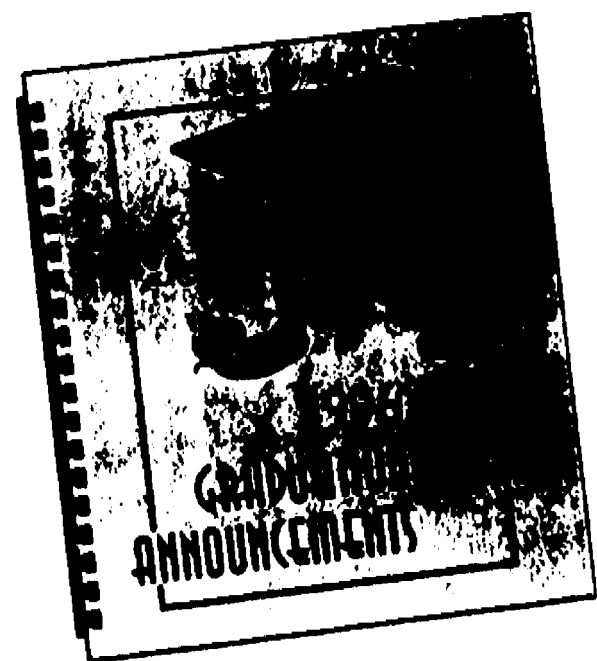
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Arron Millikin of Grayling won the first prize award of \$25 in the recent Lake Margrethe Property Owner's fishing contest.

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| Recreation League | | Plaza Bar | 15.5 | Men's High Game: R. Lozon, 188, L. Rioux, 186, K. Miller, 183. Men's High Series: L. Rioux, 470, R. Hinds, 449, B. Evon, R. Lozon, 447. | |
| Mickey Perez CPA | 20-12 | Wakeley Auto Parts | 15 | Women's High Game: S. Rioux, 185, K. Moshier, 178, Y. Schriber, 173. Women's High Series: S. Rioux, 499, K. Moshier, 486, Y. Schriber, 480. | |
| Fun-N-Sun Rental | 18.5-13.5 | AuSable Construction | 15 | | |
| Scheer Motors | 18-14 | Shady Acres | 14 | | |
| Glen's Market | 17-15 | High Game: S. France, 195, K. Ockerman, 187, S. Romain, 180. High Series: S. France, 501, S. Romain, 491, L. Dannenburg, 453. | | | |
| Mark 8 | 16-16 | | | | |
| Cornell | 14-10 | | | | |
| Peterson Saw Service | 10-18 | Sunday Night Mixed Doubles | | | |
| North Country R.V. | 9.5-22.5 | Us & Them | 25-7 | Northwood League | |
| High Game: K. Schmidt, 212, D. Armstrong, 201, D. Mead, 197. High Series: K. Schmidt, 484, V. Balmes, 474, N. Root, 472. | | Glen's Market | 20-12 | House of Cabinets | 25 |
| | | CSI | 19-13 | Wakeley's Auto Parts | 21 |
| Senior Citizen League | | M.A.D.S. | 15-17 | Subway | 21 |
| Buccilli's | 56-36 | Computer Services | 13-19 | Millikin's | 21 |
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| Totten's Body Shop | 49-43 | Rohdeau Const. | 12-20 | Patti's Towne House | 15 |
| Baynham | 45-47 | All Seasons Drywall | 11-21 | Stitch-In-Time | 14 |
| Cornell's | 44-48 | Men's High Game: D. Canfield, 229, R. Pyle, 205, L. Helsel, 202. Men's High Series: R. Pyle, 564, D. Canfield, 555, L. Helsel, 529. | | Pearls & Lace | 11 |
| Century 21 | 44-48 | Women's High Game: K. Moshier, 192, E. Helsel, 182, Y. Steffes, 181. Women's High Series: E. Helsel, 498, S. France, 490, K. Moshier, 483. | | High Game: T. Raybould, 233, S. Romain, 192, J. Potter, 189. High Series: T. Raybould, 567, S. Romain, 528, L. Dannenburg, 487. | |
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| Auto Parts | 27-29 | Avalanche | 8-16 | Guns & Grub | 14 |
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| Red Barn | 26-30 | High Game: S. France, 215, 212, 189, M. Perez, 192, G. Reichelderfer, 177. High Series: S. France, 616, L. Hatfield, 483, M. Perez, 475. | | High Game: B. Palmer, 219, M. Millikin, 203, D. Canfield, 200. | |
| BCI | 25-31 | | | High Series: L. Helsel, 575, M. Millikin, 554, D. Henning, 548. | |
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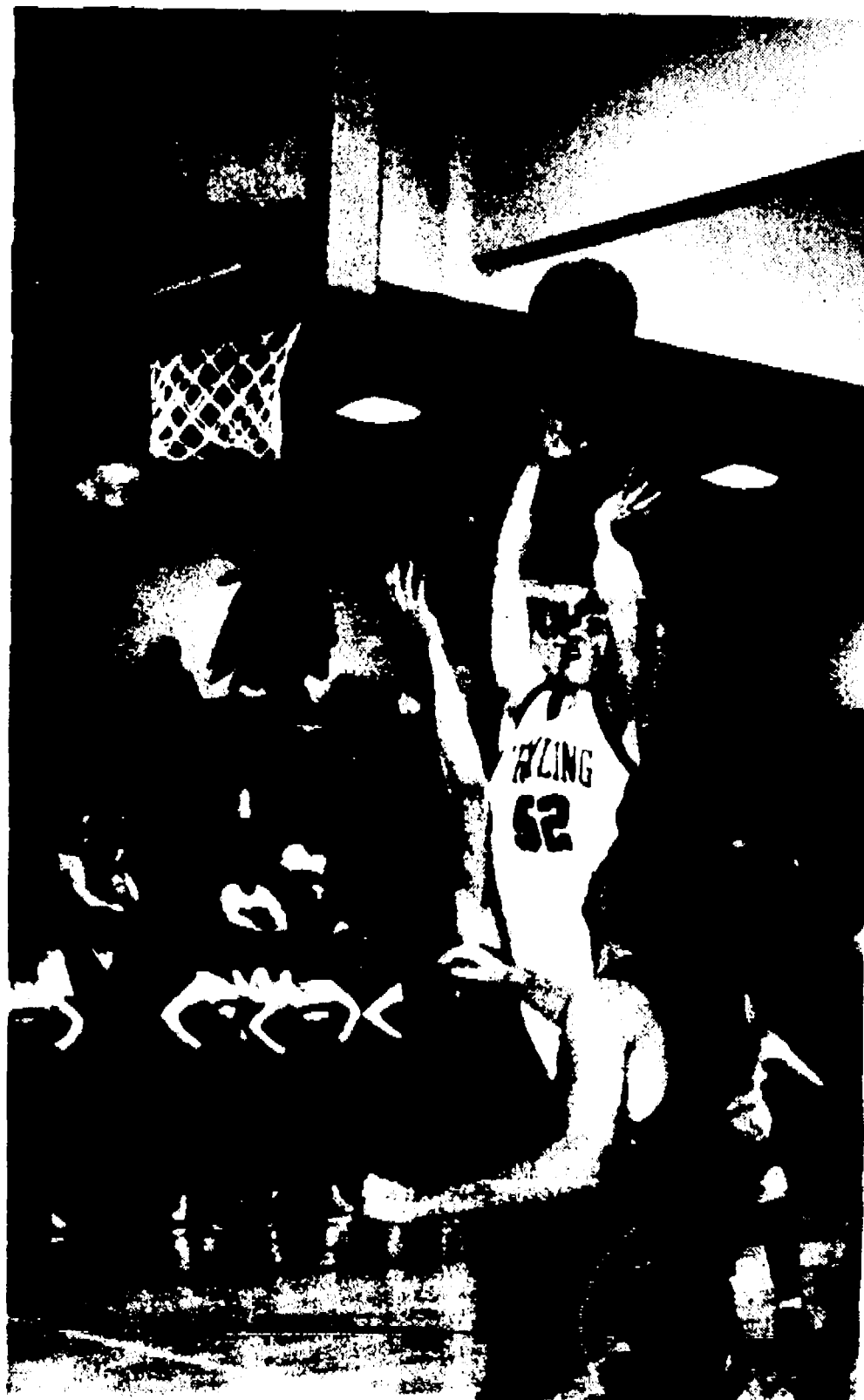
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SENIORS SAY GOODBYE TO VIKING BASKETBALL -- The Class B tournament games begin Monday, March 4, will be the last time these five seniors will represent their school on the hardcourt. They have provided many hours of Viking thrills. Pictured are (Back, L to R) Jason Thompson, Scott Hartman, Chris Kucharek, (Front, L to R) Joe Godlewski and Corey Northrup. The top photo is up and coming junior Dave Sabin going for two points.

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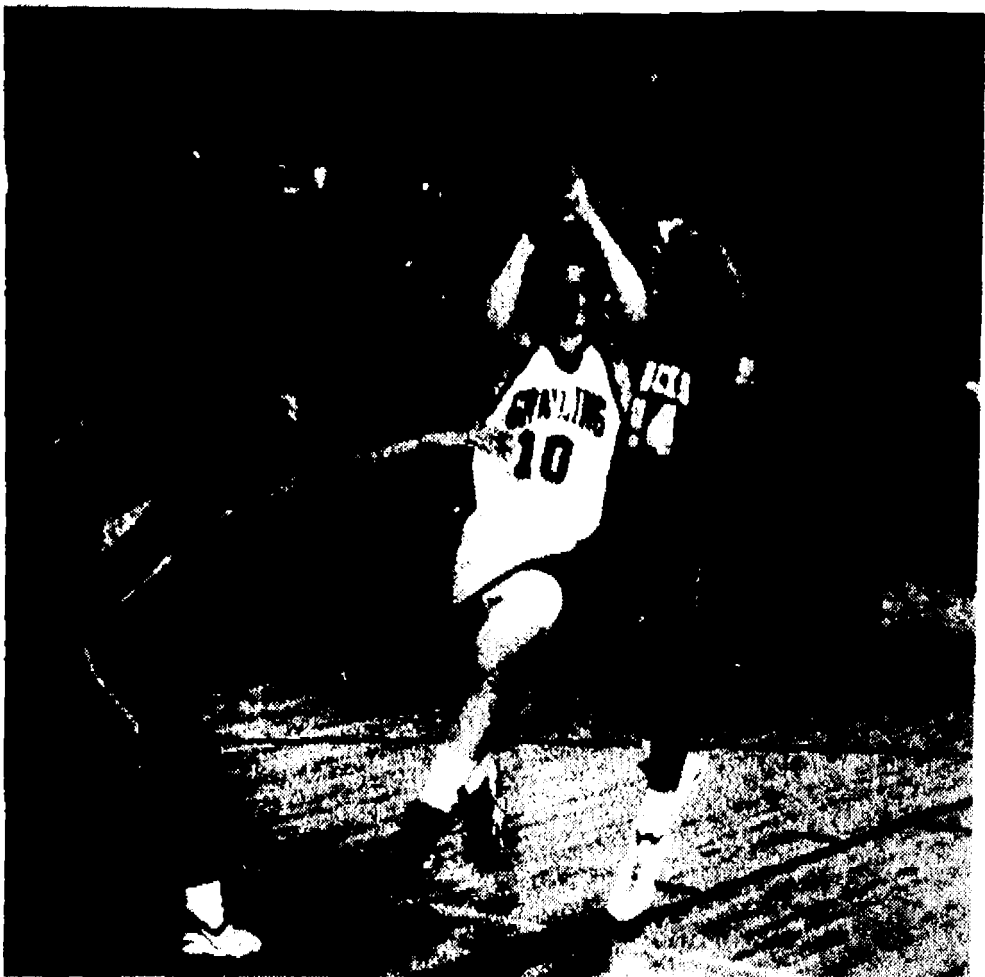
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Point Guard Matt LaForest # 10

Matt, the son of Joe and Wanda LaForest, is a freshman. Matt averages nine points per game, eight assists and four rebounds. "I am looking forward to the challenge of playing in the state tourney," said Matt.

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The Grayling Viking boys' basketball team is in the final week of its regular season before entering Class-B district tournament action on Monday, March 4.

In games played last week, the Vikings climbed to the top of the mountain when they beat the 15-1, state-ranked Rogers City Hurons in overtime by a 68-65 score on Tuesday. The teams were seldom more than a basket or two apart and were tied at the end of regulation time at 56 all.

In the overtime, the Vikings held tough with freshman Matt LaForest hitting a big 3-point basket. Grayling's front line of seniors Jason Thompson, Scott Hartman and Chris Kucharek held the boards from a Rogers City trio averaging 6 feet, 8 inches tall.

"Our kids played an outstanding ball game tonight," said Viking Coach Rich Moffitt. "Defensively, we baited Rogers City on the boards very well, and Godlewski and Northrop hit some big shots down the stretch. Our bench also gave us an outstanding effort."

Senior Vikings Joe Godlewski and Corey Northrop led the home scoring attack with 20 and 15 points, while Kucharek and Thompson hit for five points apiece. Juniors David Sabin and Sam Modica added four and three points.

LaForest hit double figures in the assist category, with 10, while Hartman led Viking rebounders with eight and Northrop stole the Cardinal ball five times.

On Friday, the stage was set for the Vikings to move up in the Great Northern Conference, Huron Division standings with a win over the Whittemore-Preseott Cardinals, but the win was not to be had. The cards dominated the Vikings and walked away with a 67-48 victory.

Moffitt said, "This was a frustrating game. We made 14 of 63 shots and committed 25 turnovers. But, our kids deserve credit because they worked hard all night and kept their poise under trying circumstances."

Vikes in last week of b-ball season

District Tourney begins Monday -- Grayling vs. Petoskey

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In scoring for the Vikings, Godlewski hit nine points, Hartman and Kucharek each added eight, Sabin and LaForest had six apiece, senior Brad Larm had three, senior Mike Knight had two, as did juniors Ben Haskel and Seth Madsen.

Northrop added eight assists and

LaForest had seven. Hartman again led the rebounders with seven and Godlewski stole the ball twice.

The loss left the Vikings in fourth place in the division standings with a 3-5 division record, and a 6-11 overall record. Rogers City leads the conference with a 6-2 record, followed by Alcona at 5-2, Whittemore-Preseott

at 4-3, Grayling and Onaway with only one victory against seven losses.

Through the course of the season, the Vikings have averaged 56.5 points per game and allowed 66.3 points per game from their opponents.

Godlewski is second in the division in scoring, hitting at a 17.7-points-per-game clip. His 212 season points came from a league high 32, 3-point shots, 42 field goals and 32 free throws.

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, the Vikings were to host the Great Northern Conference, Michigan Division champion Boyne City Ramblers, however, that game has been rescheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 28. Grayling will close out its season on Friday, March 1, at Elk Rapids.

District tournament action begins Monday, March 4, in Grayling, with the Vikings hosting the tough Petoskey Northmen. The winner of that game will face the Gaylord Blue Devils on Wednesday, March 6. Also on Wednesday, the Cheboygan Chiefs will play the Sault Ste Marie Blue Devils. The two winners on Wednesday will face off for the district championship on Saturday, March 9.

Coach Moffitt says...

...about Petoskey Northmen

"Petoskey has two top-notch sophomores, John Flynn and Trevor Hoffman," said Coach Rich Moffitt about the upcoming Petoskey game on Monday, March 4, at the Grayling High School.

"They have some very athletic kids," he said. "That makes them very solid."

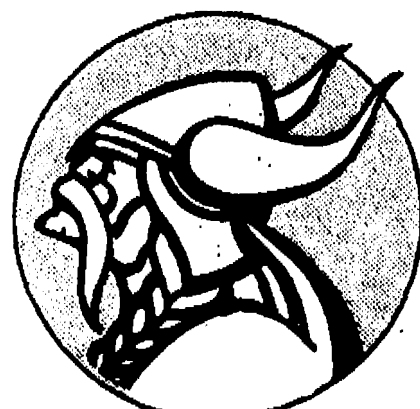
...about Gaylord Blue Devils

"Gaylord has the best player in the district, actually the best player in the North in Luke Johnson," said Coach Moffitt. "He makes everybody around him that much better."

...about Grayling Vikings

"I think a key for us is, quite simply, shooting the ball well. Our last game we were 14 of 63," said Coach Moffitt. "It makes it tough to win. We're shooting 32 percent from the floor, last year it was 47 percent."

"The kids are scrappy and working hard all year long," he said. "We played very well against Rogers City and hopefully, we can duplicate that kind of effort."



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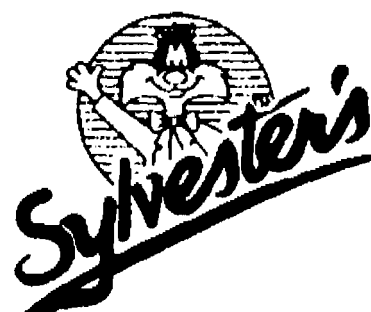
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Guard Seth Madsen #34

Seth, the son of Bob and Kathy Madsen, is a junior. He averages two points per game, one assist and two rebounds. "We had an inconsistent season, but we know we can play if we work hard," said Seth. "We are looking for an upset."

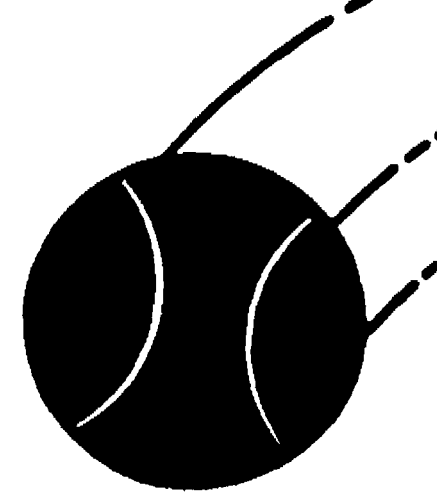


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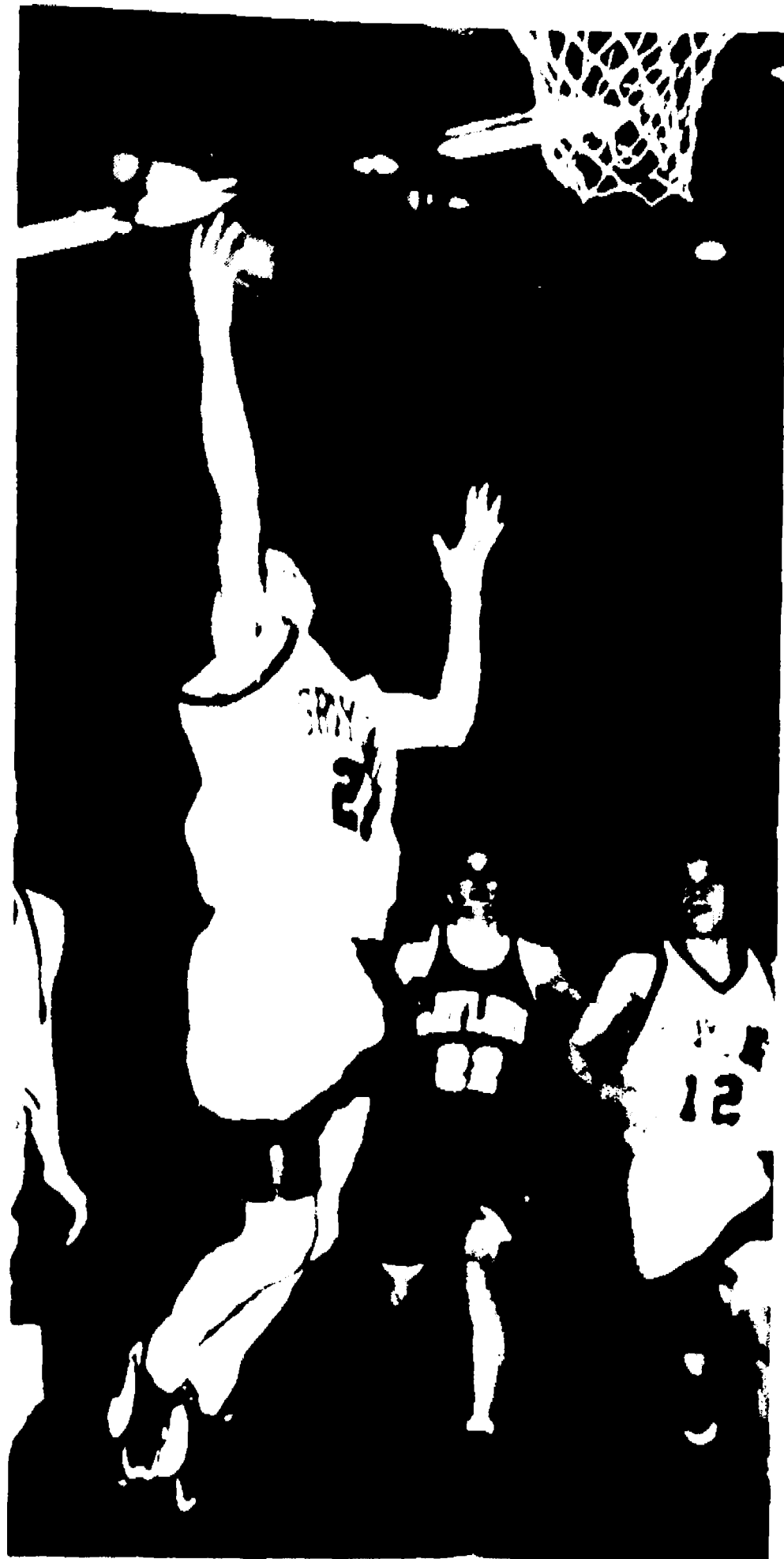
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Guard Sam Modica #21

Sam, the son of Carol Wakeley and Pete Modica, is a 5'10" junior. Sam averages 2.1 points per game, two assists and two rebounds. "I am looking forward to districts because our team can play well," said Sam. "I'm hoping to upset Petoskey."



Guard Eddy Baynham #22

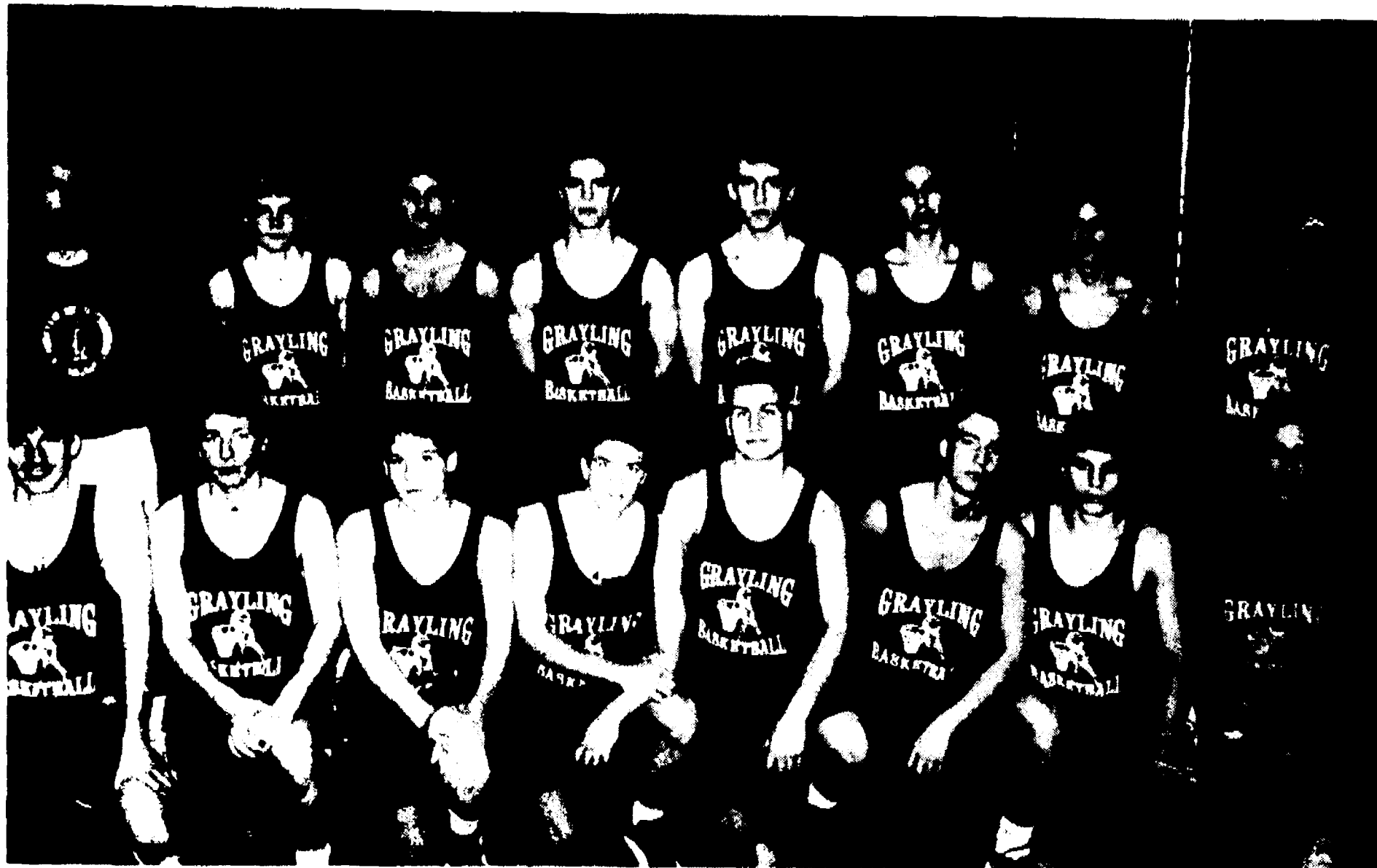
Eddy, the son of Ed Baynham and Lori Rakis, is a 6'1" junior. Eddy averages 4.2 points per game, three assists and three rebounds. "We've had an up and down season," said Eddy. "But we have a good chance to pull an upset."



**Steve Anderson
Unit Manager**

Steve, the son of Steve and Dana Anderson, manages to pass out about five water bottles a quarter during a game. The senior said he looks forward to killing Petoskey and Gaylord in the upcoming district tournaments.

1995-96 Viking Varsity Basketball Team



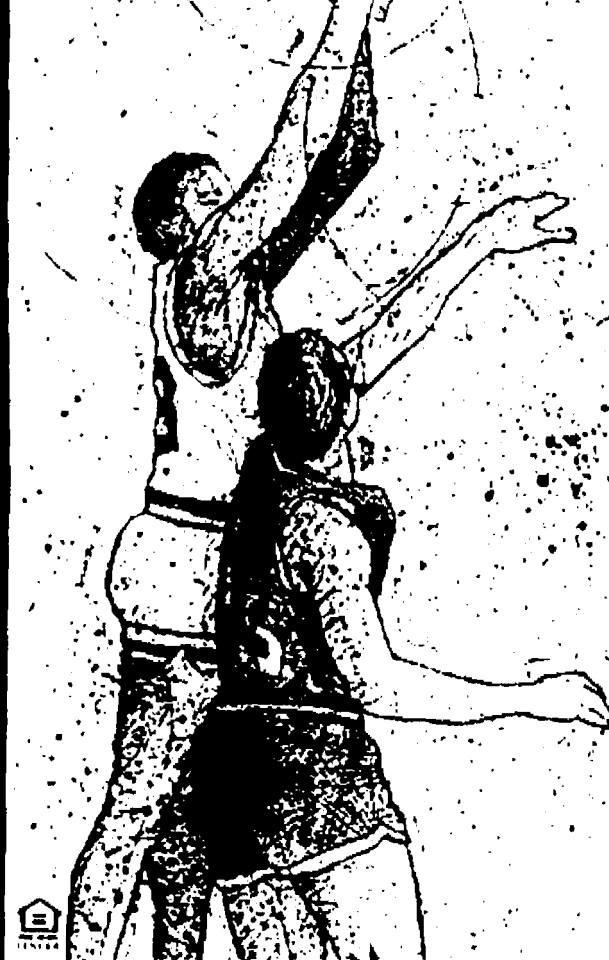
The Viking Varsity Basketball Team -- Pictured are (Back, L to R) Coach Rich Moffitt, Brad Larm, Scott Hartman, Jason Thompson, Mike Knight, Mike Marelich, Chris Kucharek, Assistant Coach Gary Hopp, (Front, L to R) Eddy Baynham, Corey Northrup, Matt LaForest, Sam Modica, Seth Madsen, Dave Sabin, Ben Haskel and Joe Godlewski.



**Jason Thompson #44
Center/Forward**

Jason, the son of Jon and Ellen Thompson, is a 6'3" senior. Jason averages six points per game, five rebounds and one assist. "We've worked hard all year," said Jason. "If we play together, play smart, and have confidence in ourselves, we can play with anyone."

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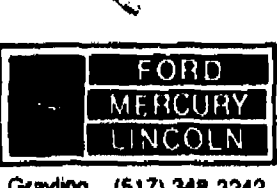
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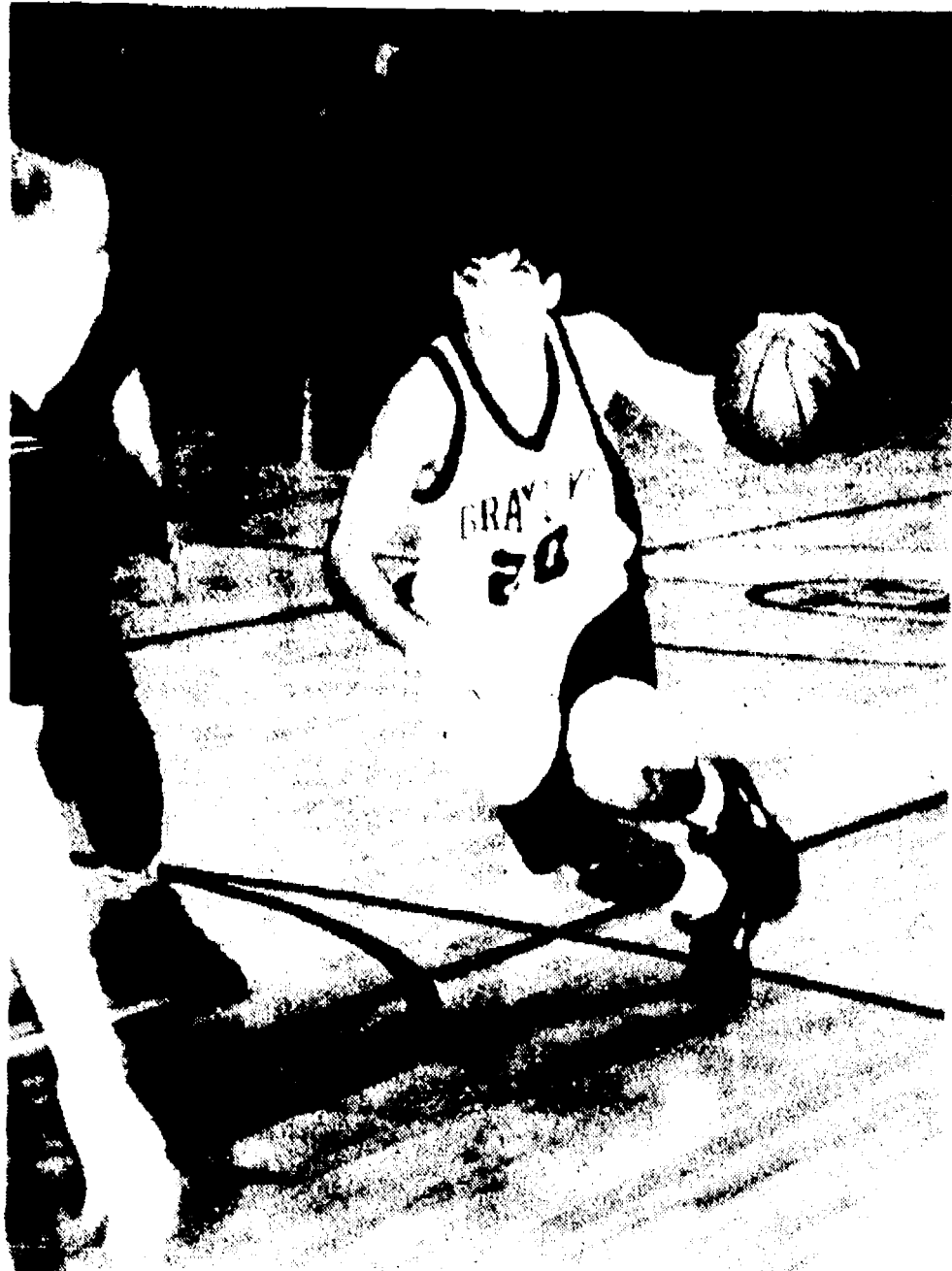
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Forward Chris Kucharek #20

Chris, the son of Mike and Wendy Kucharek, is a 5'11" senior. He averages eight points per game, four rebounds and one assist. "I'm looking forward to playing at home for the playoffs," said Chris.



Center Scott Hartman #54

Scott, the son of Mark and Marilyn Hartman, is a 6'3" senior. Scott averages eight points per game, six rebounds and one assist. "We have potential to upset some teams in districts," said Scott, "because it is at our place."



Guard Brad Larm #42

Brad, the son of Darrell Larm and Jeff and Candy Taylor, is a 6' junior. Brad averages 11 points per game, three rebounds and two assists. "I feel I've improved a lot this season, along with the rest of the team," said Larm. "We have the potential to come out and beat any team at districts. We have a hard working team and home court advantage."

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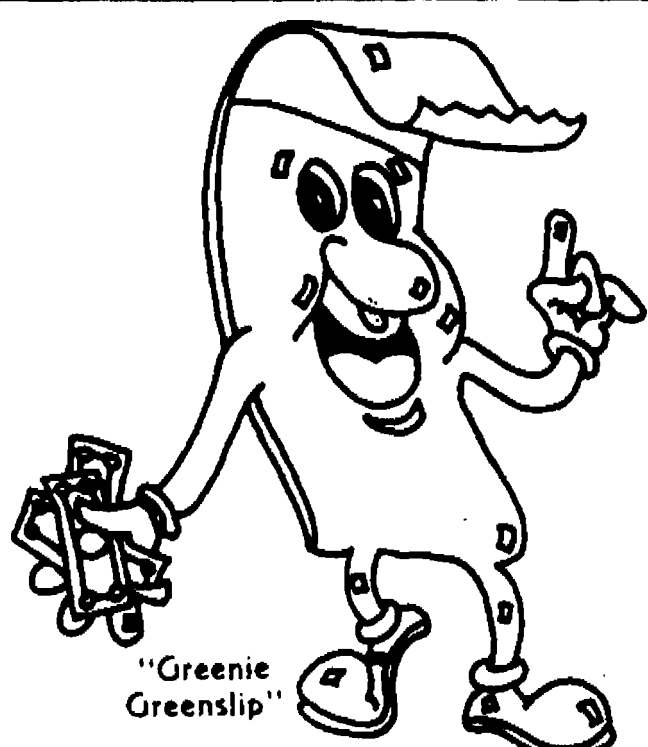


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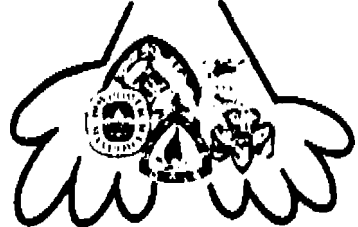
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Coach Tom Johnson

Record 15-1

Threats

Luke Johnson 28 ppg avg.
Eric Nedow 13 ppg avg.

Petoskey Northmen

Coach Dennis Starkey

Record 16-2

Threats

John Flynn 19 ppg avg.
Trevor Huffman 16 ppg avg.
Adam Wells 14 ppg avg.

Cheboygan Chiefs

Coach Denny Jewell

Record 5-14

Threats

Blayne Sheppard 14 ppg avg.
Todd Schryer 10 ppg avg.
Walt Chamberlain 10 ppg avg.

Sault Ste. Marie Blue Devils

Coach Doug Dunting

Record 12-6

Threats

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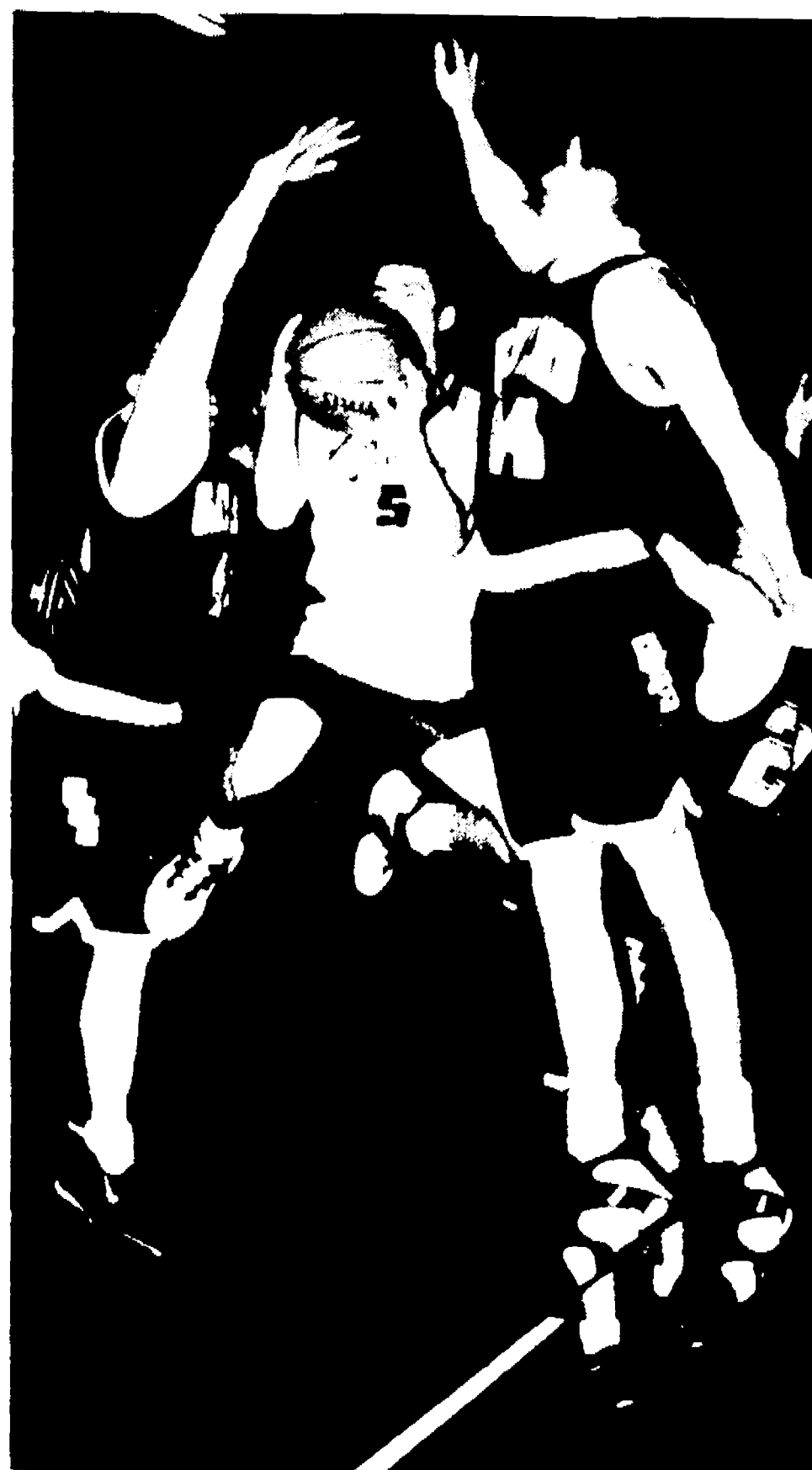
**23 years ago
in sports
Feb. 29, 1973**

The Vikings, following two straight losses, rebounded last week with two wins as they took the measure of the Houghton Lake Bobcats in a non-league contest, 75-65, Tuesday, and followed with a 70-63 victory at Gaylord on Friday night in a MHSC game. To add sweetness to the win, the local cagers presented Coach Tom St. Germain with his first coached victory on the Gaylord court over the Blue Devils. St. Germain, the winningest coach in northern Michigan, had never won at Gaylord.



Guard Ben Haskel #12

Ben, the son of Tom and Tina Haskel, is a 5'9" junior. Ben averages two points per game, three rebounds and two assists. "We had an inconsistent season, but our highlight was the Rogers City game," said Ben. "We have a good chance for an upset versus Petoskey."



Guard/forward David Sabin #52

Dave, the son of Dave and Sherry Sabin, is a 6' junior. Dave averages six points per game, 1.4 rebounds and two assists. Dave's future plans include entering a Kramer (of Seinfeld fame) look-a-like contest. "We worked harder than any team in northern Michigan," said Sabin. "We just didn't reward ourselves."

"We worked harder than any team in northern Michigan, we just didn't reward ourselves."

--Dave Sabin

"If we play together, play smart, and have confidence in ourselves, we can play anyone."

--Jason Thompson

"We have a hard working team and home court advantage."

--Brad Larm

"We are looking for an upset."

--Seth Madsen



Final Standings

Great Northern Conference,
Huron Division

Rogers City
Hurons
6-2

Alcona
Tigers
5-2

Whittemore
Cardinals
4-3

Grayling
Vikings
3-5

Onaway
Cardinals
1-7

One division game remains for Alcona Tigers and Whittemore Cardinals, which will determine the 2nd and 3rd place finish.



Forward Mike Marelich (right)

Mike, the son of Michele and Ron Stanley and Dennis Marelich, is a 6'1" junior. Marelich averages one point per game. "They are at our place, so we should come out strong," said Mike.

Center Mike Knight (left)

Mike, the son of Roy and Bonnie Knight, is a 6'4" junior. He averages two points per game, one assist and two rebounds. "We had a disappointing season, but the potential is definitely there and I think that we are going to surprise some people during districts," said Mike.

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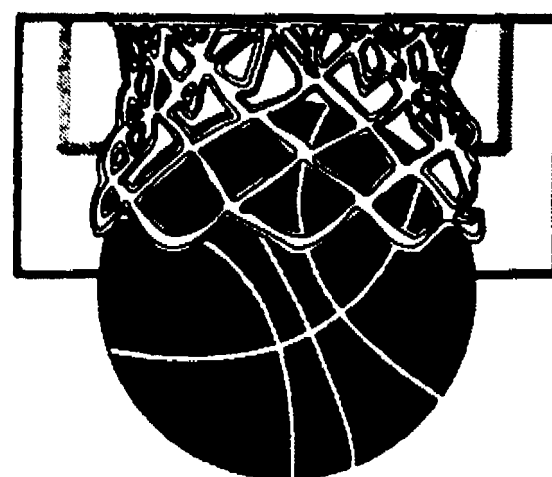
*Green and White of Grayling High School
the colors we hold dear
Marching ever on to victory
And we'll always cheer, rah-rah-rah!
Loyal to our team and teammates
the watchword of us all
For we love our dear old High School
and our standards must not fall.*

*Onward Grayling score a basket
and put this team to shame
Fight team, fight team, come on fight team
and we'll win this game, rah-rah-rah!
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| AuSable Valley Football League | \$ 16,318.21 |
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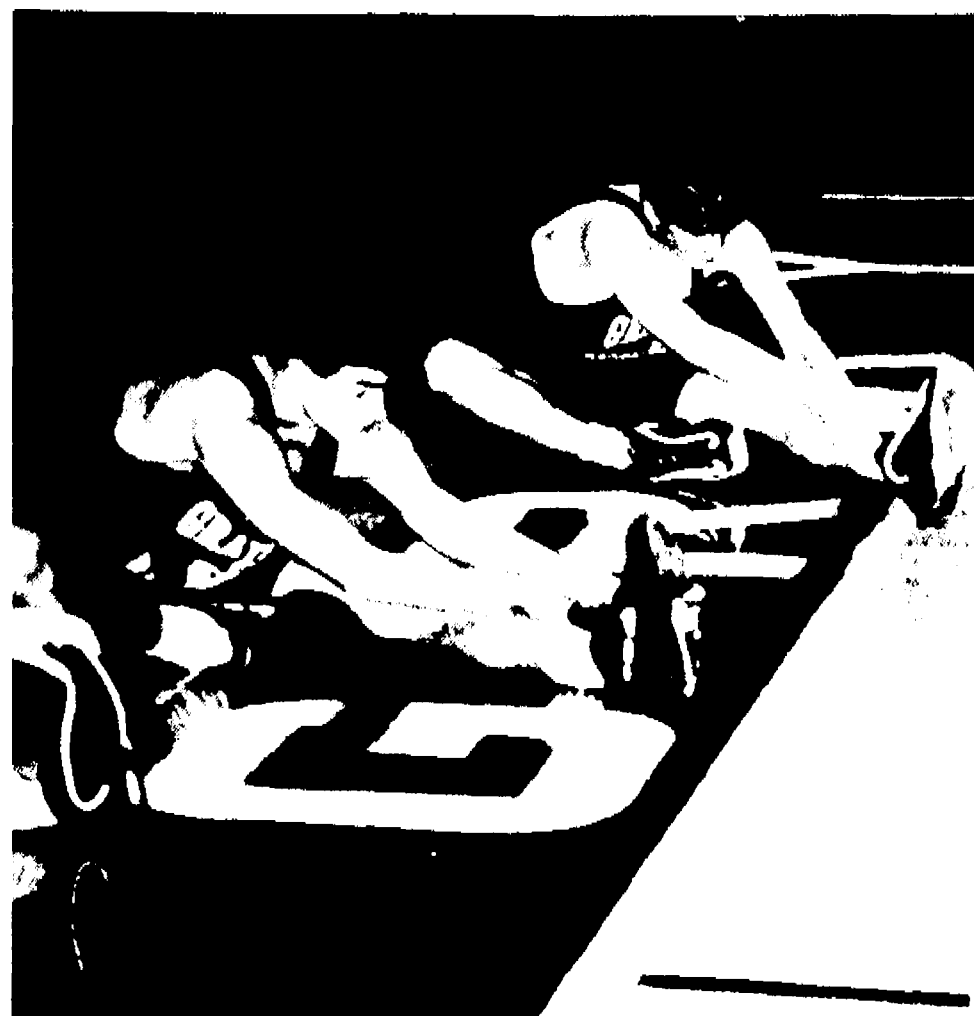
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Guard Joe Godlewski #32

Joe, the son of Rhonda LaMotte, is a 6' senior. Joe averages 15 points per game, 6.5 rebounds and two assists. "The state tournament is very important to me," said Joe, "but we have to finish the season strong before looking towards districts."

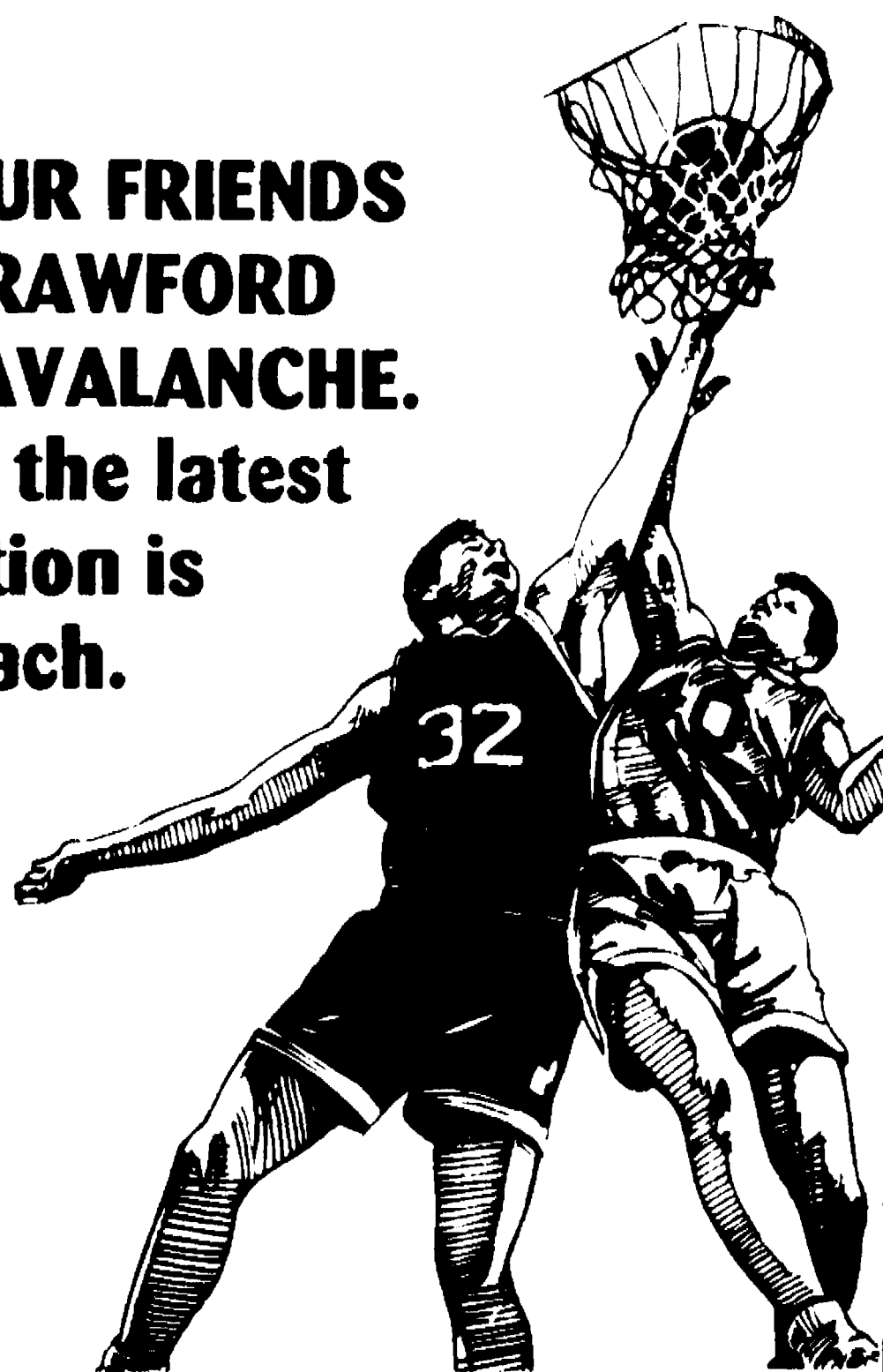
In the photo at far left is Vikings Chris Kucharek and Eddy Baynham stretching out before a recent basketball practice.

Guard Corey Northrup #50

Corey, the son of Linda and Jerry Northrup, is a 5'10" senior. Corey averages seven points per game, eight assists, 3.1 rebounds. "I feel we have the capabilities of upsetting some teams at our place," said Corey.

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Bye

Friday
March 8th
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Sault Ste. Marie Blue Devils

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Bye

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8 p.m.

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Grayling Viking Basketball Leading Scorers

Joe Godlewski
senior
15 ppg avg.

Brad Larm
junior
11 ppg avg.

Matt LaForest
freshman
9 ppg avg.